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Borough Embarks on Further Rehabilitation Of Its Housing Stock

After a delay ot eight years, Princeton Borough has begun the rehabilitation of 114 Leigh Avenue, with the aim of selling it as an affordable dwelling.

The 17-toot wide white stucco house was purchased by the Borough in 1995 for $35,000 from Alex and Beatrice Cox, both now deceased. To date, the Borough has completed asbestos removal, at a cost of $7,770, and has done some general cleanup. Until a few weeks ago, when workmen arrived to begin the rehabilitation project, the house had been boarded up.

Borough ofticials promise that the work will be completed this year and that the three-bedroom house will be added to the town's affordable housing stock. It is expected to cost an additional $157,080 to rehabititate, and it will be sold as a moderate-income unit for $115,000.

Mr. Cox believed that the house was quite old, and had been moved to Leigh Avenue trom a spot behind the Town Topics building at 4 Mercer Street. He had also been told that it had served as a student residence tor Princeton University, and that it was turned around when it was moved, so that the front of the

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Board Approves Plans for Nassau Street Building

With an eye toward fostering the "urban village" evolving tentatively along the eastern part of Nassau Street, the Regional Planning Board last Thursday night approved a proposal for a three-story otfice-apartment building on a lot sandwiched between Wild Oats Market and Jay's Cycle Shop.

The building proposed for 253 Nassau Street requires demolition of the site's existing yellow Victorian building, which currently houses the administrative offices of Family Guidance Center.

The new building will include 6,918 square teet of otfice space on the first floor and 7,777 square teet of living space, divided into 12 apartments, on the second and third tloors. There will be eight two-bedroom apartments and tour one-bedroom apartments.

Following the Planning Board's approval late Thursday, the applicant, Jeffrey Albert, a principal of Princewood Properties, said he was happy.

Planning Board member Marvin Reed abstained trom the vote however because he didn't teel the taçade of the building related sufficiently to the overall neighborhood.

Mayor Reed had been on the board ot Family Guidance Center, but stepped down as a director ot the non-profit group as ot June 30.

A drawing ot the proposed building reveals a design based on the colonial/Georgian tradition. It features bay windows, an elevated courtyard, an arched garage entrance, and molded finishes.

But roof dormers will be removed trom the final plan at the request ot Planning Board member Wendy Benchley, who voiced concern that the dormers, which don't provide livable space, would make the building appear to have tour stories instead of three.

Construction materials will include brick, pre-cast limestone, and stamped concrete, patterned to look like cut flagstone. These materials are intended to give the building an "old world" look.

The building will be located 15 teet trom the sidewalk, significantly farther forward than the existing structure, a factor that takes aim at promoting streetscape vitality.

Parking will be accessible from a driveway leading into and beneath the building. Sixteen spaces will be provided under the building and 26 spaces behind it.

The driveway and garage raised some concerns among board members. Ms. Benchley called the emphasis on the garage opening "jarring." Her comment was made in support of Mayor Reed's

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School District to Take Disciplinary Action After Driver Leaves a Child Alone on Bus

The Princeton Regional School District will take disciplinary action following an incident in which a 4-year-old was lett alone on a school bus, stated Superintendent Claire Sheff Kohn.

On June 25, Jerson Davila, who is now 5 years old, was left alone on a school bus in a parking lot behind the Valley Road Building for approximately 45 minutes.

"Given the serious nature of this incident, we will be taking action," stated Dr. Kohn, "but we will take into account the employee's record." Dr. Kohn declined to offer turther specitics of any disciplinary action.

On the morning ot the incident, Jerson was transported by bus to Johnson Park Elementary School, where he participated in a pre-kindergarten program in anticipation ot his enrollment at the school this tatl.

He later boarded a bus to be transported to the Valley Road School, where he was to participate in the YWCA's Summer Multicultural Program.

When the bus reached its final destination, however, Jerson did not exit the bus. The driver, whose name was not released by the district, left the vehicle without checking the bus — part of the district's normal procedure for bus drivers — and without tinding the child, who was apparently asleep.

According to David Robinson, the New Jersey State Climatologist at

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AFTERNOON IN THE PARK: Marsha and Greg McGarvey of Princeton relax in the afternoon sun while bride Bridget Manley poses for pictures with members of her wedding party at Princeton Battlefield State Park Saturday. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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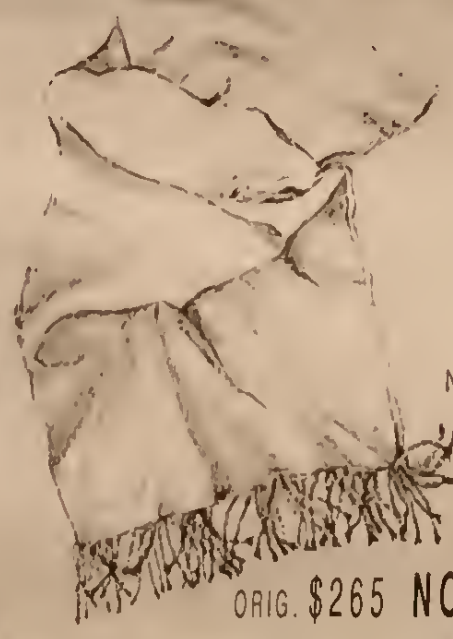

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OLYMPIC RING: Campers at the Princeton Multicultural Summer Camp run by Princeton Young Achievers race to pass a hula hoop around their circle without breaking the chain of hands. Friday was the camp's annual Olympic Day, which brings campers from all age groups together for team races and games. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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The monies will be used to assist older adults in accessing health and other information on the internet through support of the PSRC computer lab, where they can take classes and get individual assistance in use of the internet from teen volunteers.

The funds will also be used to enhance the PSRC website to include links to major information resources, to maintain a comprehensive resource directory of the local available resources, and to provide assistance with referrals to service providers and entitlement programs.

Janssen Pharmaceutica is a wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, with headquarters in Titusville. Janssen develops and manufactures pharmaceutical products, including several that benefit older adults.

Established in 1974, the PSRC offers affordable opportunities for support and engagement to older adults, their families, and their caregivers. Programs, services, and volunteer activities are designed to empower individuals in the Princeton area to age in place with dignity.

The PSRC is located at Spruce Circle and at the newly renovated Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall. For more information, call (609) 924-7108.

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Township Set to Close Route 27 for Repairs

Beginning Monday, July 28, Princeton Township will close portions of Princeton-Kingston Road/ Route 27 for nighttime work.

According to Township Engineer Robert Kiser, the road will be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday, for an unspecified length of time for the installation of a sewer line.

The detour for northbound traffic will be from Princeton-Kingston Road, right onto Riverside Drive, left onto Prospect Avenue, and right to return to Princeton-Kingston Road.

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SUMMER SPECIAL: Mediterra chef Gabriele Grigolon, left, prepares risotto with peas during a cooking demonstration Saturday at the Herban Garden on Paul Robeson Place. Using organic produce from Spring Hill Farm, chefs from Mediterra made risotto, tabouleh, frittata, and arugula salad for visitors to sample. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Fate of Proposed Telecommunications Tower Remains Cloudy After Planning Board Hearing

An application seeking approval to erect a cellular communications pole, which first came before the Regional Planning Board three years ago, remains in doubt following last Thursday's board meeting.

The Planning Board approved an approximately 170-foot tall monopole to house antennas for the applicant, Omnipoint Communications. But it also stipulated that the antennas be flush mounted to the pole to create a more streamlined structure and minimize visual impact.

Earlier in the hearing, however, Princeton attorney Neil Yoskin, who is representing the applicant, had stated that Omnipoint couldn't erect a flush-mounted monopole, but instead required a pole with platform antennas to better meet technical performance requirements.

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Following the meeting, Mr. Yoskin told Town Topics that he would take the board's decision back to Omnipoint senior management for them to consider. He didn't know whether they would proceed with a flush-mounted monopole or drop the application.

The case has to do with a 2.21-acre tract of land located on the southbound side of State Road (Route 206). The site is occupied by Petro Oil Co. and already houses a 172-foot tall lattice antenna structure, which would be replaced by the proposed newer one.

Omnipoint has obtained a ground lease for an area 30 feet by 20 feet at the center of the site, which is where it would like to remove the existing structure and put up a monopole.

The pole would hold antennas for Omnipoint as well as for Princeton Township's Police and Public Works Departments, and would be used also by fire and emergency services.

There would also be room on the pole for other cellular providers to co-locate.

The Township's telecommunications tower consultant, Dr. Bruce Eisenstein, told the Planning Board Thursday that a flush-mounted monopole should perform adequately for the applicant as well as for the pole's other users.

He recommended the proposed site, 800 State Road, as it would have the least impact on residential areas and would help fill a gap in communications coverage between two ridges that run near the site.

This opinion represents a change from his earlier recommendation. With the original application to replace the existing communications tower filed three years ago, in September 2000, Dr. Eisenstein visited the site, conducted tests, and found that Omnipoint has a very strong signal at the Petro Oil location.

He wrote in a report dated January 5, 2001 that there was no need for an additional site for a communications tower in the area. This opinion was reiterated in reports dated August 16 and August 29.

The applicant said it wanted to have a communications tower in that location because the county line marked a point of demarcation for the Philadelphia metropolitan business area and the New

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York metropolitan business area of the company.

Dr. Eisenstein said that it was the needs of the users, not the providers, that must be considered when erecting a communications tower.

Subsequently, Dr. Eisenstein met with Township Police and the fire chief and was told that there were gaps in communications coverage for police and fire services in the area between the ridges that run parallel to Cherry Valley Road and Ridgeview Road. After further study and consideration, he changed his opinion in favor of erecting a monopole at the location.

Residents of the area near 800 State Road took umbrage with Dr. Eisenstein's comment about the minimal impact on residents that a monopole in that location would have.

During public comment, Camille Lee of Hillside Avenue said, "That pole is 500 feet from someone's patio."

She and other Hillside Avenue residents voiced strong opinions against the tower, but conceded that if a tower had to be located there, then at least it should be flush mounted.

In response to comments from the public, Dr. Eisenstein clarified his point about impact on residents, noting that the property is located in a nonresidential zone and that wireless communication facilities are conditional uses in this zone.

The Federal Aviation Administration has been consulted on the proposal due to its proximity to the airport in Montgomery Township. A right-of-way dedication issue has also been dealt with. Landscaping and other technicalities of zoning and site plan requirements have been addressed. And yet the outcome of this application still remains unclear.

—Becky Melvin

Federal Grant Awarded To Historical Society

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has announced the award of a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) grant to the Historical Society of Princeton.

The grant — one of 170 awarded nationwide — will enable the Historical Society to undertake a MAP III self-assessment study, which is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and plot a course for future improvements.

"Museums in the Museum Assessment Program are taking important steps to professionally manage their institutions," said IMLS Director Robert Martin. "Each year, this program helps hundreds of museums receive high quality professional advice in communities across the country."

This grant is the third MAP award that the Historical Society of Princeton has received. The first was for an overall assessment of the management and operations of the entire organization. The Collections Management Assessment grant, awarded in 1999, provided guidance for the use, planning, policies, and support of the Society's 100,000 photographic collection.

"MAP III comes at a critical time in the Historical Society's planning," said Gail Stern, director of the Society since 1993. "Public Dimension Assessment supports an evaluation of the way we serve our community and audiences through exhibits, programs, and other services. Our collections have doubled in the past decade, so the MAP III study will help us determine how well we use the collections to serve our residents, as well as how to do so even more effectively."

Located at 158 Nassau Street in the Bainbridge House, the Historical Society of Princeton is a museum and library dedicated to interpreting the history of Princeton.

Its ongoing exhibition, "Lost Princeton," explores architecture, businesses, modes of transportation, farms and other entities lost to the community today.

The Historical Society is open, free of charge, from 12 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Sunday from March through December, and weekends only in January and February. The library is open on Tuesday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. with a nominal fee for non-members. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

Watershed Schedules Two Nature Programs

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association will offer two nature discovery programs on Saturday, July 26, and Monday, July 28.

The Watershed, located in Hopewell Township on Titus Mill Road, includes a 785-acre nature reserve, nature and environmental centers, and working organic farm.

On Saturday, July 26, at 10 a.m., the Watershed will offer "Discover Summer," an event for families which involves a short hike with an eye toward examining the changes that summer brings, such as wildflowers and insects. A craft to take home will also be included.

On Monday, July 28, at 8 p.m., the Watershed will host a program for families and adults called, "Exploring the Night: Bats at Dusk." For this event, naturalist Janine Mannick will lead participants in an evening investigation, using a bat detector to listen to bat feeding calls and watching the aerodynamics of the flying mammals.

"Exploring the Night" is offered free of charge. The fee for "Discover Summer" is $5 for members and $7 for nonmembers.

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School District Proceeds With Project In Spite of Artificial Turf Legal Battle

By the time of this fall's homecoming football game on October 11, Princeton High School should have a brand new artificial surface installed at Harris Stadium. Although that prospect has been challenged by a legal battle, the district is advancing with its project.

"At the moment, we have a contractor who has met the specifications and is proceeding," said Michael Mostoller, a member of the Princeton Regional Board of Education and the chair of its facilities committee, "and we have no reason to debate, challenge, or have suspicion about their work."

On April 29, the School Board awarded a $714,500 contract to American Athletic Courts Inc. for the installation of its artificial surface, AstroPlay.

At the time, the School Board unanimously rejected the lowest bid of $523,264 from Shearon Environmental Design because the firm did not have the requisite New Jersey public works contractor registration certificate. As the next lowest bidder deemed to be responsive to all legal stipulations, American Athletic Courts was awarded the contract.

However, the third lowest bidder, Land Tek — which submitted a bid of $742,000 for its product, FieldTurf — subsequently filed suit, claiming that American Athletic Courts' product did not meet the specifications of the design and seeking a temporary restraining order.

Although the judge overseeing the case did not issue such an order, which would have stopped the installation of the field, American Athletic Courts was instructed to meet each of the particular bid specifications. Its proposal was subsequently reviewed and accepted by The Hillier Group, the district's architectural firm.

At its June 25 meeting, the facilities committee reviewed the contractor's report and determined that all requirements had been met. "We agreed," said Mr. Mostoller, "with the architect's recommendation that they did meet the specifications."

According to Mr. Mostoller, Land Tek subsequently responded with a letter to the school district that cited deficiencies in the surface to be installed by American Athletic Courts. Although it faces no legal requirement to do so, the district is reviewing the claims with Hillier.

"We are seeing if any of the assertions have any merit," stated Mr. Mostoller.

To be comprised of a synthetic combination of sand and rubber, the field is expected be utilized by the soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and football programs.

At the end of June, the installation of the new surface began with the removal of topsoil from the current field site. A layer of gravel will soon be added for drainage beneath the artificial surface, which will allow for both practice and game use.

District-Wide Work

The installation of the artificial turf is part of the district's $81.3 million construction and renovation project, which is supported by a $61.3 million bond approved by voters in May 2001 and $20 million in state aid.

Last December, second-round bids for the PHS portion of the project yielded figures that were $14 million over budget.

Representatives from Hillier proposed to recover that amount by calling for more renovation of the existing structure, less demolition and new construction, and a shortened construction schedule that could facilitate a completion date by September 2005.

On February 11, at the same meeting at which it approved re-designs of the PHS project, the School Board adopted a resolution that removed the bid for the artificial turf from the general PHS bid package to allow for a separate bid.

Mr. Mostoller stated that both Hillier and Epic — the district's construction management firm — are "close" in their figures regarding the re-designed work at PHS. He therefore expects the facilities committee to put the PHS designs back out to bid after its July 25 meeting.

Meanwhile, the district's $36.4 million in improvements at each of its four elementary schools and John Witherspoon Middle School are proceeding according to plan despite slight delays due to weather, stated Mr. Mostoller.

— David McNutt

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Rutgers University, the high temperature in the Princeton area for that day was 92 degrees.

After roughly 45 minutes — during which time the windows to the bus were reportedly open and the door to the bus was not locked — another driver discovered Jerson when boarding the bus to use it for its next route.

The second driver alerted district officials and was then instructed to return the student to Johnson Park. At the elementary school, Jerson was taken to Dr. Robert Ginsberg, the school's principal, who gave the student water and a snack.

"The bus driver was really upset and very apologetic," stated Dr. Kohn. "This is a person who has a very good track record with us and feels terrible."

Distressed Parent

"The schools are responsible for this situation," said Marvin Davila, Jerson's father. "They haven't done anything for me or my son."

Mr. Davila, who has been a Township resident for 12 years, stated that since the incident Jerson has had repeated nightmares and is exhibiting some erratic behavior.

"They have not offered any psychological assistance," said Mr. Davila. "To me, there is something criminal here. What I'm hoping for is for them to take care of my son."

Julie Colin of Hill Wallack, Mr. Davila's attorney, stated that her client has not yet determined whether he will file suit.

"We are just beginning our investigation of the matter," she said, noting that she has not yet spoken with the school district or the Township Police Department.

In Dr. Kohn's absence, Jeffrey Graber, the district's assistant superintendent, met with Mr. Davila and Dr. Ginsberg on June 27 and sent a letter of apology to the Davila family on July 1.

"There's no excuse for something like this," said Dr. Graber. "This is a very serious situation. It's terribly unfortunate when these kinds of things happen."

Dr. Graber noted that this is the first time during his four years in the district that such an incident has occurred, although he stated he dealt with a similar situation when he previously worked in the Woodbridge Township School District.

"The record of our drivers — both those who work for us and those who are contracted to work — has been fine until now," he stated. "This is upsetting to everybody."

Responses

In Mr. Davila's opinion, his status as a Hispanic individual has contributed to the district's unwillingness to assist him as well as to the lack of a criminal investigation by the Township police.

"I'm not a rich man," said Mr. Davila, who works in maintenance at the Princeton Family YMCA and operates a cleaning service at night, "but we have the same rights."

"We handled this exactly as we would have with anyone," responded Dr. Kohn. "That [perception] is not accurate."

"We responded to the call," said Township Police Chief Anthony Gaylord. "The child was not hurt in any way, shape, or form, and there was no criminal intent."

Chief Gaylord stated that the Township's Juvenile Department, under the direction of Detective Sergeant Ernest Silagyi, investigated the matter.

"It was an unfortunate accident," added Chief Gaylord, "but this is not a police matter at this time. It is an internal matter for the school district."

In order to prevent such an incident from occurring again, the district is planning to conduct additional training with its drivers on September 2, just before the beginning of the next school year.

In addition, according to Dr. Graber, the district is looking into the possibility of installing devices at the back of each bus that require the driver to walk to the back of the bus prior to shutting off and exiting the vehicle.

"We took this very seriously, we investigated the matter, and we will be taking actions accordingly," said Dr. Kohn. "The district stands ready to work with the family to ensure that the child has a good school experience."

—David McNutt

Rider University Seeking To Develop Math Institute

Rider University has received a start-up planning grant from the Martinson Family Foundation to create a mathematics teaching professional institute geared for kindergarten through sixth-grade teachers.

The funding comes as a courtesy of John and Margaret Martinson, of Hopewell, known statewide as strong advocates for improving the quality of math and science education. Mr. Martinson, a venture capitalist, is founder and managing partner of the Edison Venture Fund, and Ms. Martinson is a former English teacher.

Dr. Judith Fraivillig, associate professor of graduate education, and Dr. Sylvia Bulgar, assistant professor of undergraduate education, have long shared a dream of establishing an institute for improving mathematics instruction.

From May through October, the funding will enable them to conduct research and to examine first-hand models of "best practices" on the international and national levels. At the end of six months, they will submit a detailed proposal to the foundation on how Rider might proceed in its quest for an institute.

"The Martinsons demonstrate deep understanding of how to transform math education in the nation by investing in the instruction of our youngest students," said Dr. Fraivillig. "International studies currently indicate that the United States ranks better than only Cypress and South Africa when it comes to rating the quality of mathematics instruction at the primary and secondary levels. This grant is setting the stage for Rider to be positioned as the prime headquarters for math education in the state of New Jersey and the region."

Drs. Fraivillig and Bulgar will meet with educators throughout various local school districts to better assess the needs of local teachers and students.

"We plan to build partnerships that will empower teachers to support children's mathematical thinking," said Dr. Bulgar. "At this point we are creating an intellectual blueprint for the actual project proposal we will submit this fall. Our goal is to put theory into practice by building a bridge between experts on the international, national and those at the local levels."

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Former Princeton Nursing Home Is Being Converted to Apartments

With the Princeton Nursing Home now settled into its new Bunn Drive location, work is scheduled to begin this month on the conversion of the 95-year-old Quarry Street building into 34 apartments.

A project of Architect J. Robert Hillier, five of the 34 one- and two-bedroom units will be reserved for rent or purchase by residents who have lived in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood for at least 10 years, or their direct descendants. The Waxwood Foundation, created by Mr. Hillier, will provide qualified purchasers with 20 percent of the purchase price of a unit, essentially eliminating the need for a down payment. If they rent, the foundation will offer a 10 percent rent subsidy. In addition, three of the 34 units will be available under the Borough's Council on Affordable Housing guidelines.

Beginning in 1908, Princeton's African-American children were educated in the red brick building on Quarry Street, called The Witherspoon School for Colored Children. After school desegregation in 1947, the building became Princeton's middle school. It closed in 1968 and was later converted into the Princeton Nursing Home.

The new residential building will be called The Waxwood, in honor of the longtime principal of the Witherspoon School, Howard B. Waxwood Jr., who oversaw the school's integration in 1948.

"Princeton has a strong demand for smaller housing units for adults without children," said Mr. Hillier. "Since the John-Witherspoon neighborhood is just a few hundred feet from shopping, restaurants, and a wide variety of cultural activities, it is an ideal home for those who want to walk to town."

Mr. Hillier plans to preserve the classroom-like floor plan and to return the ceilings to their original 12-foot height. The oversized windows, which were partially covered for years, will be restored.

The development will also create a new public pocket park facing Maclean Street. The park's land will be permanently deeded to the Borough and its maintenance provided by the Waxwood Homeowner's Association.

Princeton Links

Mr. Hillier has a significant investment in Princeton, both personally and professionally. He grew up in the town, where his mother, Florence Hillier, owned a florist shop. His architectural firm has designed the new Public Library and the improvements to the Princeton Regional Schools. And he is the developer of a new apartment complex on Moore Street as well as The Waxwood.

At a recent meeting of the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce held at the Doral Forrestal, Mr. Hillier spoke about why he called Princeton "the best little city in the world."

It is, he said, the center of a major city that is now forming. "I say this because 400 years ago what we today know as London was a set of small towns," said Mr. Hillier. "Over the ensuing four centuries they have grown together." He predicted that, 400 years from now, the towns surrounding Princeton — as far as East Windsor — will be part of a city called Princeton.

Although a "little city," Princeton, he said is an intellectual hub in the world. "I maintain Princeton is as good an address as Manhattan, and in some circles it's even better," he said.

But, the architect cautioned, Princeton is out of land, and needs to take a look at its zoning. "There are rundown, firetrap properties in this town which have such cash flow generated by renting to migrant workers that their capital value is so high that they become unpurchaseable when valued against the existing zoning," Mr. Hillier told the Chamber audience.

"It was a very good thing when Palmer Square was sold by the University and became revitalized," he said. "Today it is a gem in town planning and new urbanism. It has stores, offices and apartments, and traffic."

As for traffic, Mr. Hillier said it was good, although the flow could be improved. "It brings energy, it brings interest, it brings texture."

Second Center

Mr. Hillier believes the Princeton Shopping Center has the potential to be as vital, interesting, and user-friendly as Palmer Square, "a new second center for our little city." To reach this goal, he suggested the Township consider working with the neighborhood around the shopping center in developing a program for mixed use.

Another area ripe for planning, he said, is the middle section of Witherspoon Street, from the new library down to the hospital.

The strength of the John-Witherspoon community, he said, is masked by the Witherspoon Street facade, which is made up of rundown properties, illegal migrant labor housing, and unappealing retail space. "With that huge green space of the cemetery, why can't we allow five- or six-story buildings with housing above retail stores at the street level?" he asked.

Mr. Hillier believes a less wide, more residential Paul Robeson Place would promote slower traffic and free up enough land to put new housing on both sides of the road.

As for Palmer Square Management's proposed 97 townhouses along Paul Robeson Place, which are being held up by a standoff with the Borough about the provision of affordable housing, Mr. Hillier believes that, "If the Borough were to provide them with zoning that would allow for 130 units with a required amount of affordable housing, one of the premier pieces of land in Princeton would get more intensive use, and provide more housing at more moderate pricing."

"I love this little city," said Mr. Hillier. "I grew up here, started my firm here, and am still in a 'pinch-me mode' on how from a 10 by 15 office at 44 Nassau Street my firm has thrived across this country and the world."

—Myrna K. Bearse

University League Nursery Hires New School Director

Cindy Williams has been named as the new director of the University League Nursery School (ULNS), a morning cooperative and all-day child care center.

Ms. Williams, a resident of West Windsor, has been a teacher at the school in the morning cooperative for the past 13 years. She has also taught preschool and middle school in Baltimore.

She replaces retiring director Pam Betterton, who led the school for 14 years. Ms. Betterton came to the school as a parent, and served as parent council member and then teacher before accepting the post of director. She will continue working with the school as a member of its board of trustees.

Carol Dennis will replace Ms. Williams in teaching the 2 ½- and 3-year-olds at the school. Ms. Dennis has experience with preschool and preschool special needs children, and she previously worked at the Mercer County Special Services Preschool Integration Program. Fabiana Ildiz, of Plainsboro, will assist in the afternoon program.

Founded in 1949 by a group of Princeton University families, ULNS began as a traditional morning cooperative nursery school. As family needs have changed, the school has added programs to accommodate working parents.

Today, ULNS offers morning nursery school, extended-day and all-day care programs through a play-centered curriculum for children ages 2½ to 4. The school accepts applications for the following school year beginning at its September Open House each year.

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17 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 17 births to area residents in the two-week period ending July 18.

Sons were born to William and Leigh Segal, Princeton, July 7; Barry Gramajo and Erica Flores, Lawrenceville, July 8; G. Scott and Denise Guest, West Windsor, July 14; Adam and Margaret Berger, Princeton Junction, July 14; Gonzab Ramos and Margarita Hernandez, Lawrenceville, July 14; Steven and Sharon Brown, Lawrenceville, July 14; Max and Colleen Ramos, Lawrenceville, July 14; David and Bethany Michelson, Princeton, July 15; and William and Kristen Bryce Thompson V, Princeton, July 16.

Daughters were born to Sandy and Judith Kutin, Princeton, July 5; Hyun-Chul Lee and Jung Hee Kim, Princeton, July 12; Matthew Dulany and Leslie Hinkson, Princeton, July 13; Daniel and Tiffani Shovlin, Skillman, July 14; Ta-Wei and Man Yu Chen, Princeton, July 14; Michael and Enna Leyferman, Princeton, July 15; and Andrew and Jie Hayes, Skillman, July 15.

Metabolic Rate Testing Offered at Wild Oats

How many calories do you use for your resting metabolic rate (RMR)? This Saturday, July 26, from 9 to 11 a.m., visitors to Wild Oats Market will have the opportunity to find out.

The metabolic rate testing is part of the Lighten Up program sponsored by the Princeton Regional Health Department. The test requires a reusable breathing tube, which is provided at cost to residents for $10. Interpreting the test, along with weight and blood pressure monitoring, is provided free by the Princeton Regional Health Department, which is administering the program.

Armed with the test information, participants will discover if they need to lose weight, and/or how much more exercise they need in order to burn off the calories determined to be in excess of what they need.

The test is new, and the equipment is not yet widely available. Resting metabolic rate is also called basal metabolic rate. The test offers health-conscious people an opportunity to get a handle on their health and learn more about healthy eating, exercise, and weight management.

The Princeton Regional Health Department's specially trained nurse will also help residents access and understand the Lighten Up Princeton web site, and provide counseling, information and referral to other community resources.

Wild Oats will host two other days of RMR testing on Saturday, August 16 and Saturday, August 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. Residents without home computers are invited to use the Lighten Up computer workstation located in the Wild Oats cafe. The website address is www.lightenupprinceton.com.

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— Jim Mahon, Herrontown Road

"Physics books. I'm a physics student so I'm reading textbook-type books. But there is a good book by Michael Lemonick called *Echo of the Big Bang*. It just came out. It's about work that the professors in the [Princeton University] astrophysics department are doing and the WMAP satellite [from which] the results came out in February."

— Ursula Tablish, Henry Hall

"Tomie dePaola books and Harry Potter. I've read all of them [the Harry Potter series]. I'm reading the new one. I like the [Tomie dePaola] books because of the illustrations and the stories, especially *The Art Lesson* because I like art." *— Katie Schmidt, Princeton*

"J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Silmarillion*. I am fascinated by his scholarly prowess and creative vision."

— Scott Hartley, State Road

Scrap Metal Dealer Receives Jail Time For Violating Township Noise Ordinance

Ziya Polat, owner of Princeton Recycles, located off Basin Street in Princeton Township, was sentenced to 10 days in jail by a Princeton municipal judge on Tuesday, July 15 for violating ordinances regarding noise and business hours of operation.

Judge Russell W. Annich Jr. fined Mr. Polat $530 and sentenced him to 10 days in Mercer County Correction Center, where he was taken immediately after the ruling. Mr. Polat was released after serving five days in jail.

According to Township Assistant Attorney Lisa Randazzese, the ruling stems from incidents that date back to last year. Since that time, neighbors have repeatedly complained of noisy scrap metal deliveries and processing beyond the normal hours for business.

Under current municipal code, refuse collection is cited as one of several kinds of activities that may be deemed a "loud, disturbing and unnecessary" noise in violation of a local ordinance.

The statute prohibits the "collection, transportation or disposal of garbage, trash, cans, bottles and other refuse" by those engaged in garbage collecting businesses at any time on Sundays or outside the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Mr. Polat, a native of Turkey, has been operating the scrap metal business over the past five years, though it has been in place much longer and has thus been grandfathered into the residential district.

Last October, according to Ms. Randazzese, he was issued six separate summonses for violating the noise ordinance. In a plea agreement, he was fined only $500, pending his compliance with the statute.

"We tried to settle the matter," said Ms. Randazzese. "Everyone wanted to work it out."

In December, when Mr. Polat failed to comply with the ordinance, he was found guilty of violating his plea agreement and fined an additional $3,500.

Last month, stated Ms. Randazzese, Mr. Polat appeared before Judge Annich regarding three additional violations of the noise ordinance.

At that time, the judge fined Mr. Polat $200 for each offense and sentenced him to 30 days in jail, but suspended 20 of those days on the condition of no further violations. Mr. Polat has appealed that ruling to the state Superior Court.

Last week's ruling came after Judge Annich had given Mr. Polat an additional week to demonstrate his compliance with the ordinance, but he failed to do so when he took a delivery that Sunday.

Mr. Polat, who also owns a house next to his business, insisted that he is a victim of a campaign by the Township, the neighbors, and Princeton University to remove his business from the neighborhood.

"All my life, I have been an entrepreneur," said Mr. Polat. "I would like to make this place a model of efficient recycling."

Neighbors Upset

Basin Street resident Edgar Choueiri, a professor in Princeton University's mechanical and aerospace engineering department, stated that he never had any problems with the previous operator, Nello Rossi, but that Mr. Polat's actions have become increasingly difficult to handle.

"The noise has been just unbearable," said Mr. Choueiri, who has lived in the neighborhood for 19 years. "It gets to the point where you just want to literally run out of the house."

"The junk yard has always been here," said Philip Felton, also a Basin Street resident and a professor in the University's molecular biology department, "but there was virtually no noise or disturbance previously.

"We have tried to ask Mr. Polat to keep the noise down," added Mr. Felton. "The real problem is that he wants to fashion the law around his activities rather than fashioning his activities around the law."

Mr. Polat appeared at Township Committee's July 14 meeting to request that the Township alter its code to allow his business to operate on a 24-hour basis.

"We keep going to court and the judge keeps trying to talk with him," said Claudia Choueiri. "He just doesn't think that anything applies to him."

Both the neighbors and Township representatives are hopeful for a resolution to the matter.

"The Township is hoping that Mr. Polat will abide by the rules governing noise," said Ms. Randazzese. "This is something that everyone would like to see be resolved."

"We simply want to be able to have a quiet evening," said Ms. Choueiri.

—David McNutt

State Fund Assists Families of Ill Children

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission provides financial assistance to families of children who have experienced a serious illness or medical condition that has resulted in extraordinary, uncovered medical expenses.

Established by state legislation in 1988, the fund is unique because families of any income can qualify. The fund doesn't limit coverage to specific diseases or diagnoses, and defines "catastrophic" in economic terms, rather than medical.

A child's parents or legal guardian have to have been New Jersey residents for at least three months immediately before the date of application. Migrant workers may be eligible, but temporary residents aren't.

Since the program began making awards in late 1989, it has approved more than $78 million to more than 3,265 families. The average award is $21,000, but the range extends from a low of $470 to the largest, single award of almost $565,000.

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The child must have been age 18 years or younger at the time expenses were incurred. Incurred medical expenses — not otherwise covered — must exceed 10 percent of family income, plus 15 percent of any excess income over $100,000. Income is measured for the prior, consecutive 12-month period.

Expenses need to have been incurred during any prior, consecutive 12-month period. Applications may include medical and related expenses dating to January 1988.

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TEAM SPIRIT: Lisa Rice, left, lead teacher for third grade campers at Princeton Young Achievers' Princeton Multicultural Summer Camp, cheers with campers after their team finished first in an event at the camp's annual Olympic Day, held Friday at Grover Park. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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Anonymous Call Leads to Arrest Of Pennington Man

A Pennington man wanted on active warrants was arrested during the afternoon of July 17 at Ivy Inn, on Nassau Street, after an anonymous caller tipped police to the man's whereabouts. After police arrived at the restaurant, the man was found to be in possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, and arrested on that additional charge.

The accused, Donald C. Pfau, 37, was previously wanted on two warrants for failure to appear in court, according to Borough Police. One of the warrants was from Princeton. He was released after posting bail of $1,000.

A Lytle Street man was also arrested on an active warrant, and released on bail, on July 15. Cedro Rice, 19, was wanted on an active warrant for domestic violence. While the arrest was in progress at Borough Hall, the accused allegedly resisted the arresting officer, Ptl. Holly Sorbino, damaging public property in the process. He was charged with contempt of court, resisting arrest, assault, and criminal mischief, and released after posting $500 bail.

On July 16 and 17, unknown vandals severed a garden hose and damaged an air conditioner at the home of a 49-year-old Moore Street resident. On July 18, an automobile belonging to a 29-year-old Township woman was damaged when the car's rear window was shattered by a basketball. According to the automobile owner, the culprits were a group of young boys who were playing with the ball in the area of John Street and Clay Street. No suspects—or estimates of damage—were reported in either case.

Westminster Choir College was the victim of a computer theft sometime during the evening of July 15 or early morning of July 16. Person(s) unknown were reported to have entered a Westminster office, where they stole a Dell computer and attached components valued at $2,434.

A Hunter Road man was also a victim of theft when a hand-carved and painted address sign was stolen from his front lawn. The sign was valued at $250, according to police. And on July 21 an unidentified Trenton man learned that he was the victim of credit card theft when he reported the theft of his wallet to his credit card companies. They informed him that his stolen credit cards had already been used. The man had inadvertently left his wallet, containing the credit cards and $160 in cash, in Borough Municipal Court.

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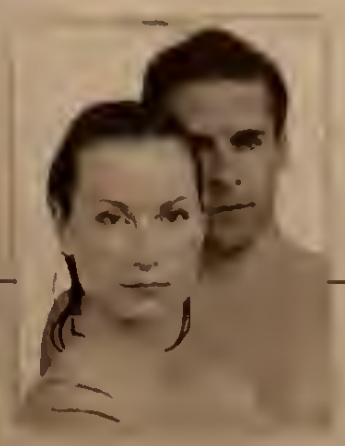

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Paul Raushenbush

Associate Dean Named By the University

The Rev. Paul Raushenbush has been named associate dean of religious life at Princeton University. His work will focus on continuing to build the interfaith community on campus.

An ordained American Baptist minister, Mr. Raushenbush has served as youth and young adult minister at Seattle First Baptist Church, as campus minister for the United Church of Christ/Presbyterian churches at Columbia University and as associate minister for college and young adults at Riverside Church in New York City.

He was the music editor and currently is a columnist for Beliefnet.com, a religion and spirituality Web site. He also writes on spirituality for Time Out New York and is working on a book, "Teen Spirit: One World, Many Faiths," scheduled to be published in fall 2004.

A graduate of Macalester College, Raushenbush earned his master of divinity degree with honors from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

He succeeds Sue Anne Steffey Morrow, who is now Protestant chaplain and religion master at the Lawrenceville School.

Albert O. Hirschman

Institute Professor Wins Political Science Award

Albert O. Hirschman, professor emeritus in the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, has been selected as winner of the American Political Science Association's 2003 Benjamin E. Lippincott Award for his book, *The Passions and the Interests: Political Arguments for Capitalism Before Its Triumph*. The award recognizes "a work of exceptional quality by a political theorist that is still considered significant after a time span of at least 15 years since the original date of publication." It will be presented when the Association meets in Philadelphia on August 28.

The Passions and the Interests, reprinted in 1997 in a 20th anniversary edition, notes, "Hirschman here offers a new interpretation for the rise of capitalism, one that emphasizes the continuities between old and new, in contrast to the assumption of a sharp break that is a common feature of both Marxian and Weberian thinking. Among the insights presented here is the ironical finding that capitalism was originally supposed to accomplish exactly what was soon denounced as its worst feature: the repression of the passions in favor of the 'harmless,' if one-dimensional, interests of commercial life."

A specialist in the political economy of development, Prof. Hirschman joined the Institute faculty in 1974, transferring to emeritus status in 1985. Before coming to the Institute, he held positions at Harvard, Columbia, and Yale universities, as well as institutions such as the Federal Reserve Board.

A graduate of the University of Berlin, Prof. Hirschman received diplomas from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales and Institute de Statistique of the Sorbonne, and a doctorate in economics from the University of Trieste. He is a recipient of awards from many institutions, most recently the Thomas Jefferson Medal for distinguished achievement in the arts, humanities and the social sciences of the American Philosophical Society (1998). The Albert O. Hirschman Chair in Economics at the Institute for Advanced Study, instituted in 2000, honors his achievements.

Plainsboro Library Plans Two Unusual Contests

The Plainsboro Public Library, which has won the American Library Association's Fyan Award for having the most innovative public library program in the country, will offer two innovative competitions in the Library's "Discovery Summer 2003" program. They are calculated to attract adults and children alike.

On Tuesday evening, July 29 at 7 p.m., the library will host its Tenth Annual Egg Dropping Competition, rain or shine. Contestants must use a kit of materials provided by the library to build a contraption capable of protecting an egg when dropped from 6 feet, 12 feet, and finally, off the library roof.

Then, on Saturday, August 2, at 10 a.m., the library's rowdiest contest takes place at Water's Edge Park, off Pond View Drive.

The Anything That Floats/Cardboard Canoe Race is a two-part event. For Anything That Floats, contestants must construct a water-worthy vehicle, but components normally affiliated with boating or any standard water craft are not permitted. Judges will allow canoes filled with water, however, provided that their operators are in them. Good humor and technical savvy are called for. Winners' names are inscribed on a trophy plaque preserved at the library.

While heats of the first event are taking place, contestants in the Cardboard Canoe Race are issued one sheet of cardboard, one roll of mailing tape, and one razor knife, and given one hour to fashion a sail-worthy canoe. The "canoes" are then transported along the Lenape Trail to the Plainsboro Pond Dam and launched into the water. Last year, two of the prize entries never came close to sinking.

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OUT AND ABOUT: Gadi Ginot of Lawrenceville shows friend Michelle Woljevach, of Columbus, Ohio, Princeton Battlefield State Park during a Saturday Afternoon bike ride around the area.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Educational Sail Planned On New Jersey's Tall Ship

Plainsboro's Recreation Department and Public Library will co-host an environmental education sail on New Jersey's official "Tall Ship," the AJ Meerwald, on Monday, July 28. The three-hour program will focus on environmental learning and the natural resources of New Jersey.

The Tall Ship is an authentic 115-foot schooner now outfitted to host community groups. Learning stations on the ship offer opportunities for the group to rotate through each activity. Featured at one station, complementing the Library's summer Lenape theme, will be a concentration on the Lenape Indians.

Tickets for the trip are $22 for adults and $20 for those under 18. Registration is required in advance at the Plainsboro Recreation Department. Checks should be made payable to Plainsboro Public Library.

The Meerwald sails out of Liberty State Park. The bus will depart from the Plainsboro Municipal Center at 10 a.m., leaving time for participants to picnic in the park before embarking. Embarkation will begin at 12:45 p.m.

Participants should bring bottled water, sunscreen, head covering and appropriate non-slip shoes, in addition to their picnic supplies.

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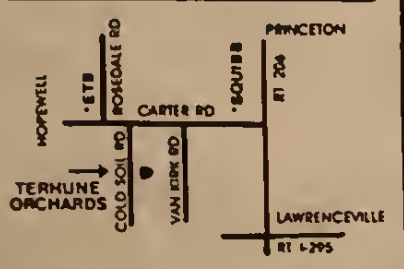

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Saute the onion for a few minutes, until translucent; add arugula andcook until wilted.
Whisk eggs and cream together in a bowl; add cheese.
Lay pie crust in quiche dish.
Spread arugula mixture on bottom; top with bacon and lastly, pour cream-egg mixture over top.
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CONTACT of Mercer County Will Honor Four at Gala

CONTACT of Mercer County has announced its four philanthropic honorees for its November gala fund-raiser. The gala, the charity's major source of operating income, will be a "Cruise to Hawaii" dinner dance on November 15 at Educational Testing 5ervice's Chauncey Conference Center.

The four honorees are Becky Taylor, of Hopewell, director for corporate affairs for Bristol-Myers Squibb; Eleanor Horne, of Lawrenceville, vice president and corporate secretary of Educational Testing Service; Arthur Krosnick, M.D., of Princeton; and Evelyn Krosnick of Princeton.

Ms. Taylor has served as public affairs director for a number of state agencies in New Jersey, including the Attorney General's office, the Health Department, and the Department of Environmental Protection. She serves on numerous boards.

Ms. Horne began her career at ETS in 1969. Under her leadership, ETS has become involved in efforts to improve the educational opportunities of African-American and Latino students. She has received numerous awards and honors for public service from organizations throughout the region.

Dr. Krosnick has been a diabetes specialist for more than 50 years. A clinical associate professor at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, he is past president of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey, Mercer Medical Center, and the New Jersey Diabetes Association. He was senior public health physician for the New Jersey Department of Health and the U.S. Public Health 5ervice, and for more than 30 years held the post as chairman of the New Jersey Council on Diabetes. He will soon begin work to aid the Pima Indian Tribe in Arizona with their diabetes and obesity issues.

Mrs. Krosnick is a music performer and educator. 5he was trained in arts management and became the manager of the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra, which she helped found at the Lawrenceville 5chool. She has served as a member of the GPYO board and executive director over a period of 30 years.

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The True Love Waits program encourages and equips middle and high school students to make a commitment to sexual abstinence until marriage. The seminar is provided by the New Jersey Coalition for Abstinence Education.

The eventual program for youth is designed to be given in five sessions. It includes setting life goals; what God says about sex; the dangers of pornography; how pregnancy, 5TDs and the emotional fallout change a teen's life; dating guidelines; and refusal skills.

During the training, adults will become familiar with resources available to help communicate the message of sexual purity in an interesting, positive way. They'll also be given the opportunity to network with other youth leaders and pro-family advocates.

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Princeton High Graduates Honored With 2003 Awards

The following is the list of awards and scholarships presented to members of Princeton High School's Class of 2003.

Sponsored by the Women's College Club of Princeton, the Mary Bruce Updike Award was awarded to Shana Jackson, and the Harriet Peterson Book Award was presented to Elza Crocco. Other Women's College Club scholarships were given to Erin Walters-Bugbee and Mengfan Wu.

The Interfaith Unity Award was awarded to Dave Jean. The Princeton Elks presented scholarship awards to Tiffany Moody and Levi Guerrero.

Grupo Latinoamericano de Mujeres presented awards to Elisa Lucumi and Bonfilia Reyes. The Spectacle Theatre Award gave awards to Hilary Goldman and Max Read.

The Acorn Glen Assisted Living Residence Scholarship was presented to Irene Sibanda. The Siemens Merit Scholarship Award, presented by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, was given to Fannie Chen.

Theodore Sebekos-Williams and Robert Sgobbo were awarded the Windsor Area Taiwanese American Association Annual Scholarship. The Gloria Seitz Leadership Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to William Cooper.

The Chartwells Food Service Award was given to Jon Cross. Laura Stewart received the ReMax of New Jersey "Quest for Excellence" Scholarship.

Victor Ontaneda was selected by the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Mercer County Community College to receive a $2,000 scholarship.

The Rotary Club of Princeton presented grants for vocational and technical career development to Alden Chanquin, Sandra Flores, Levi Guerrero, and Irene Sibanda. The Jerry MacLean Learning in the Community Award was presented to Tali Amir and Miranda Robertson.

The University Medical Center at Princeton Junior Volunteer Awards were given to Lindsay Peres, Anna Rorem, Erica Ruderman, Noelle Troccoli, Laura Wieschaus, Fannie Chen, Shen-hau Lu, Radha Yamarthy, and Dominee Young.

The Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation made awards ranging from $500 to $4,000 to Arcenia Gutierrez, Bethany Andrade, Shana Jackson, Dana Swainson, Michael Britt, Levi Guerrero, and Matthew Wells. Other Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation award recipients included Byron Barillas, Michael Britt, Alden Chanquin, James Cheng, Shara Cook, Martin Covert, Elza Crocco, Marisol Cruz, Adriano DiDonato, Gina D'Angeli, Danielle DiMeglio, Sandra Flores, Caitrin Hill, Yael Isaac, Dave Jean, Susan Lam, Tracey Lopez, Elisa Lucumi, Gabriel Matheney, Tiffany Moody, Ryan Morgan, Josh Press, Ashley Redding, Calvin Reed, Bonfilia Reyes, Theodore Sebekos-Williams, Robert Sgobbo, Laura Stewart, Erin Walters-Bugbee, Ying Kevin Wang, Gregory Wu, and Mengfan Wu.

The Frank B. Reisman Memorial Scholarship, in honor of Frank Reisman, who died on September 11, 2001, was presented to Anna Rorem.

Mengfan Wu and Aaron Wiener received the Irving W. Mershon Scholar Awards. The Economics Award was presented to James Mahon. Jessica DeRuosi was selected to receive the Accounting Award.

The Friends of Princeton Athletics honored Casey LaMarche and Christopher Lalli. The Bob James Award was presented to Casey LaMarche.

The Princeton High School Spirit Award was presented to Shana Jackson. The Wendy Jolley Award was given to Noelle Troccoli. The Website Design and Creation Award was presented to Deborah McHugh.

Elizabeth Lyons and Zachary Shell received the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance Award. The Marvin Trotman Award was presented to Marisol Cruz.

The Cranbury Women's Club Award was given to Kevin Kemp. The Cranbury Fraternal Order of Police Scholarships were presented to Christopher Lalli and Tiffany Moody. The Cranbury Arts Council Award was given to Laura Burke.

Peter Foster was chosen to receive the Elizabeth Ann Vucich Memorial Award. Anna Rorem received the Florence Bell Hillier Prize and the Florence M. Burke Award.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts Scholarship was given to Vanya Visnjic. The Catharine Stecchini Award was given to Deborah McHugh.

The English Department honored Laura Burke, Fannie Chen, Mark Fisher, Shana Jackson, Samantha Kessler-Kramer, Mohak Mhatre, Tiffany Moody, Miranda Robertson, Theodore Sebekos-Williams, Laura Stewart, Elizabeth Tanner, and Veronica Woolley.

Dmitry Grebennik, Nathan Ristuccia, and Anna Rorem received the Gledhill Cameron Zapolski , Scholarship Award. The Business and Professional Women's Club Award winners were Mengfan Wu and Susan Lam.

The Hubert M. Alyea Award, presented by the Princeton section of the American Chemical Society, was given to Tiantian Wang. The Amy Schulman Award was presented to Radha Yamarthy.

Jason Scire was awarded the Rocky Brook Garden Club Award. The Stephen J. Gould Award was given to Fannie Chen. The 2003 Society of Women Engineers Award of New Jersey was presented to Tiantian Wang.

The Freeman Dyson Award was given to Allan Haldane. The Environmental Science Award was presented to Lucy Cohen. The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award was given to Anna Rorem.

Veronica Woolley received the Mathematics Department Award. Vanya Visnjic was recognized by the Mathematics Department for completing the highest level of mathematics at both PHS and Princeton University.

The Computer Science Award, presented by the Mathematics Department, was awarded to Steven Feigenson. The Raymond Hunt Memorial Award for French was presented to Allison Kraus, and that for Spanish was awarded to Allan Haldane.

Senior winners of The National Latin Exam included Elizabeth Tanner, Nathan Ristuccia, Hannah Neumann, Matt Susan, Mark Saigh, Angelica Kang, Lyndy Danvers, Veronica Woolley, Samantha Kessler-Kramer, and Dilshanie Perea.

The PHS Latin Team was recognized for placing first at the Certamen, a regional competition at Rutgers University. Senior medal winners on this team included Mark Fisher, Mark Saigh, and Emily Silbergeld.

The World Language Department presented awards to Alexandra Ripp, Eric Sandberg-Zakian, Catrina Fernholz, Lyndy Danvers, Deborah McHugh, and Laura Golubieski.

Joseph Aprigliano received the Dorothea van Dyke McLane Award. Allan Haldane was recognized for a First Honorable Mention in the National Spanish Exam. Vanya Visnjic and Allison Kraus were honored for their performance on the National French Exam.

The PHS Bilingual Award was presented to Fabiola Herrera. The PHS ESL Award was given to Bonfilia Reyes.

The Social Studies Department presented awards to Damien Chazelle, Floor de Ruyter, Yael Isaac, Dave Jean, Ariel Klainerman, Caroline Lancaster, Ben Powell, Nathan Ristuccia, Mark Saigh, and Eric Sandberg-Zakian.

National Merit Scholarships are awarded to Damien Chazelle, Fannie Chen, Mark Fisher, Aleksandra Nall, Yuriy Prilutskiy, Nathan Ristuccia, Anna Rorem, Eric Sandberg-Zakian, Elizabeth Tanner, Aaron Wiener, Neil Wiita, and Veronica Woolley.

The National Merit $2,500 Scholarship Award was presented to Damien Chazelle and Aaron Wiener. Eric Sandberg-Zakian was selected as a 2003 Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalists.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation gave scholarships to Lucy Cohen, David Mullen, Elizabeth Tanner, Neil Wiita, Veronica Woolley, and Mengfan Wu.

The Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program Certificates were presented to Damien Chazelle, Fannie Chen, Lucy Cohen, Mark Fisher, Allison Kraus, Mohak Mhatre, Aleksandra Nall, Dilshanie Perera, Robert Polakoff, Yuriy Prilutskiy, Alexandra Ripp, Nathan Ristuccia, Miranda Robertson, Anna Rorem, Dustin Rosen, Mark Saigh, Matthew Susan, Elizabeth Tanner, Noelle Troccoli, Aaron Wiener, Neil Wiita, Veronica Woolley, and Mengfan Wu.

Laura Golubieski received the Honor Athlete Award. All-Around Athlete Awards were given to Erin Walters-Bugbee and Christopher Lalli.

The Duke Jacobs Scholar Athlete Award was presented to Dilshanie Perera. The Nicholas J. Arcaro Scholar Athlete Award was given to Emre Guzelsu.

Katherine Bliss received the Norman Van Arsdalen Award. The Jerry Cypress Award was presented to Matthew Susan. The Alison Gwen Fraker Award was given to Emily Burns.

The William D. Wolman Award was awarded to Adriano DiDonato. Laura Golubieski was selected to receive the New Jersey National Girls and Women in Sports Award.

The Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Award was presented to Casey LaMarche and David Mullen. The Lesley Bush Award was given to Anna Rorem. The Benjamin Kahn PHS Football Award was given to Michael Britt.

Matthew Susan received the NJSIAA Scholar Athlete Award. The Educational Testing Service New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award was presented to Anna Rorem and Daniel Gerstle.

Emily Burns, Casey LaMarche, Anna Rorem, Justin Strasburger, and Rob Sgobbo were recognized as the PHS Senior Student Athletic Trainers.

The Irving W. Mershon Scholarships, presented by the Princeton Regional Education Association, were awarded to Tiffany Moody, Robert Sgobbo, and Laura Stewart.

The National School Orchestra Award was given to Vanya Visnjic. The John Philip Sousa Band Award was presented to Mohak Mhatre. The Woody Herman Award was given to Jonathan Bittman.

Yuriy Prilutskiy received the Louis Armstrong Award. The Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award was presented to Damien Chazelle and Jan Lee. The Meghan Burns Memorial Award was given to Mohak Mhatre

The Mercer County Professional Counselors Association presented the "Meeting the Challenge Scholarship" to Emily Littman. The Princeton Area Community Foundation Award, presented in Sid Kramer's memory, was awarded to Yuriy Prilutskiy.

The Marcia Harrison Award, in honor of a member of the PHS Class of 1964, was presented to Emily Littman.

EXPLORER DRAMA: Waldorf School seventh graders, from left, Gil Censits, Jackson Boyar, and Justin Wiggins took part in their class play, *Magellan*, written by Skillman resident Dale Coye. Each year, the school's classes present a play in culmination of their year of studies. The seventh-grade curriculum included the study of explorers.

STUART PROSPECTORS: Kindergartner Emma Kaplan, left, of Princeton and preschooler Elizabeth Sochka of Morrisville, Pa., prospected for gold recently at Camp Stuart. The three-week long program on the campus of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart is available to Stuart's preschool and kindergarten students. This year's camp theme was the American West.

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Borough Housing

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house now faces the back yard.

Plans are also under way to complete the rehabilitation of 100-104 Leigh Avenue, five two-story single-family units purchased in 1997 by the Borough for $103,167. Three of the five units are rented to moderate-income tenants. The other two are vacant and currently not habitable.

The cost to rehabilitate the two vacant units and repair structural and waterproofing problems throughout the entire basement area is estimated at $183,614. Approximately $36,383 was spent on renovation last year.

When renovations are completed, the dwellings at 114 and 100-104 Leigh Avenue will be counted toward the Borough's Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) affordable housing obligation.

At a recent meeting of Borough Council, Mayor Marvin Reed praised the completion of the 12 townhomes built by the Borough as part of its commitment to provide affordable housing. All have been sold, for a total of $1,514,850. The cost of construction was $1,296,744, leaving the Borough with net proceeds of $218,106. This figure, however, does not include the cost of the land, which was purchased more than a decade ago. The cost for Shirley Court, acquired by condemnation, was $800,000; the Maclean Street site was purchased for $365,000.

Six of the units were sold to families with low and moderate incomes, and these will be counted toward the Borough's COAH obligation. The other six were sold at market rates, with the proceeds used to subsidize the affordable units.

At the Kathleen M. Edwards Houses on Maclean Street, a two-bedroom low-income townhome sold for $51,000, a two-bedroom moderate-income unit for $87,650, and a two-bedroom market unit for $175,000. At the Mary Louise Stephenson Burton Houses on Shirley Court — a cul-de-sac off Witherspoon Street — a three-bedroom moderate-income townhome was purchased for $100,750, and a two-bedroom market unit sold for $175,000.

Also on the housing front, the Borough has been awarded a $150,000 Small Cities Matching Grant. The funds will be used to bring homes in the Borough up to current code, and will cover such improvements as roof repair, window replacement, lead abatement, furnace replacement, and plumbing and electrical work.

The program is targeted toward the John-Witherspoon neighborhood, but anyone who fits within the income limitations is eligible. As an example of the income guidelines, a low-income family of three cannot earn more than $30,690 a year. A moderate-income family of three could not exceed an annual income of $49,104.

The program is designed to serve approximately 15 to 17 home owners. All the qualified homes will result in additional COAH neighborhood preservation rehabilitation credits for the Borough.

The Borough's matching contribution of $210,000 will be taken from its Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which is supported by developers' fees. A home owner who enters the program will be asked to take out a deferred low-interest loan to be paid back when the house is sold or the title transferred.

To find out more about the program, call (609) 371-1937 and ask for the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

—Myrna K. Bearse

READY FOR ITS MAKEOVER: Princeton Borough is currently rehabilitating the white stucco house at 114 Leigh Avenue so that it can be sold added to the Borough's affordable housing stock and sold to a moderate-income family. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Jewish Center Welcomes New Assistant Rabbi

Rabbi Jaymee Albert will arrive at The Jewish Center of Princeton this summer as the Center's new Assistant Rabbi. She has an M.A. in Jewish Education from Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass., and an M.A. in Jewish Women's Studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she was ordained in May.

Ms. Albert has served as the rabbi of congregations in Biloxi, Miss., and West Haven, Conn., and as cantorial soloist at several synagogues in New England and New York. As an educator, she has worked at Temple Israel in Boston, and Adath Shalom in Paris, France.

The Jewish Center will hold an open house for prospective members on Sunday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to tour the facility and meet the rabbis, cantor and staff.

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MAILBOX

Free Parking for All Who Hold Library Cards Is Asked for Patrons of New Public Library

To the Editor:

The community movement to keep a library at the Shopping Center results from the chance we have had over the past year and a half to experience a library that is convenient to all, and where parking and access are not major impediments. We support the current efforts to maintain a branch library in the Shopping Center, and urge Township and library officials to show some responsiveness and flexibility. Bert Wohl, using the model of the Pennington Library, has proposed creative ways of keeping a library at the Shopping Center. This includes a budget of $500,000, taken from the current $2 million that Township residents annually contribute to the costs of operating the current library.

Regardless of the fate of the proposed Shopping Center branch, the new library in the Borough will be a reality in the near future, with or without the 500 car parking garage completed or even built, depending on law suits, acts of God, and other unknowns. Can we look forward to the same old access problems that were acute and annoying before the library moved to the Shopping Center? Or should we anticipate newer and even more irksome ones? Is anyone thinking about users who must drive or bike to get to the library? What about the driver who wants to park momentarily to pick up a book? Where will he park? The former conditions for those users were laughably inconvenient. What about the person who needs to spend a few hours in the public library researching a topic? How much will she have to pay in parking fees? What about school kids who need to do work at the library? Will their bike rides through traffic congested downtown Princeton be any less dangerous?

One gesture of accommodation, when the new lot is completed, would be free parking at all times that the library is open for all Princeton residents who hold library cards (holders could put stickers on their windshields.) The Borough gave a huge tax break to the Nassau HTK developer of the downtown complex. Why shouldn't the taxpayers of Princeton, who fund both the operation of the library and the downtown development through a bond issue, get a break as well? This seems like fair play, unless the "master plan" for the downtown library with its 500 car garage, is to ensure a flow of Borough revenue through a de facto parking tax on those without easy walking access to their library.

A second gesture would be to design traffic flow to accommodate, not deter, library users as they enter and exit the facility. Since we are already fighting traffic congestion just to get to downtown, at least users should be able to drive in and out without getting snarled up by "no left turn" signs and one-way streets that seem designed to bedevil us. Designated bike paths, that parents would feel safe having their children use, should also be provided, as there are currently no alternative approaches to the very dangerous Wiggins/Witherspoon intersection.

ABRAM GABRIEL
JANET HEROUX
Terhune Road

Jefferson Road Residents Ask Motorists To Obey "Road Closed" Signs on Streets

To the Editor:

Since the Humbert-Jefferson Drainage Improvement Project began in March, we have been living in the middle of a construction zone. While a project this extensive inevitably creates a certain amount of disruption and inconvenience, residents of our neighborhood have also encountered nuisances that are entirely avoidable. For example, despite the fact that our block is closed to through traffic, motorists continue to speed down our street, leaving clouds of dust in their wake.

We and other residents have appealed to the police, the Mayor, and the Borough Council. Yet it continues, and everything is covered with dust. A resident walking on the sidewalk, doing yard work, or simply enjoying her front porch risks being engulfed by a hazardous cloud of dust. Dust covers our plants and our porch and comes in through our windows. This has been going on for over four months.

Motorists, the "road closed" signs you see on our street, and elsewhere in Princeton, are there for a reason — they are not an invitation to imitate the latest off-road vehicle commercial, slaloming through the traffic cones, cell phone in hand. Be considerate of your community and obey the law while you're at it: stay off of closed roads.

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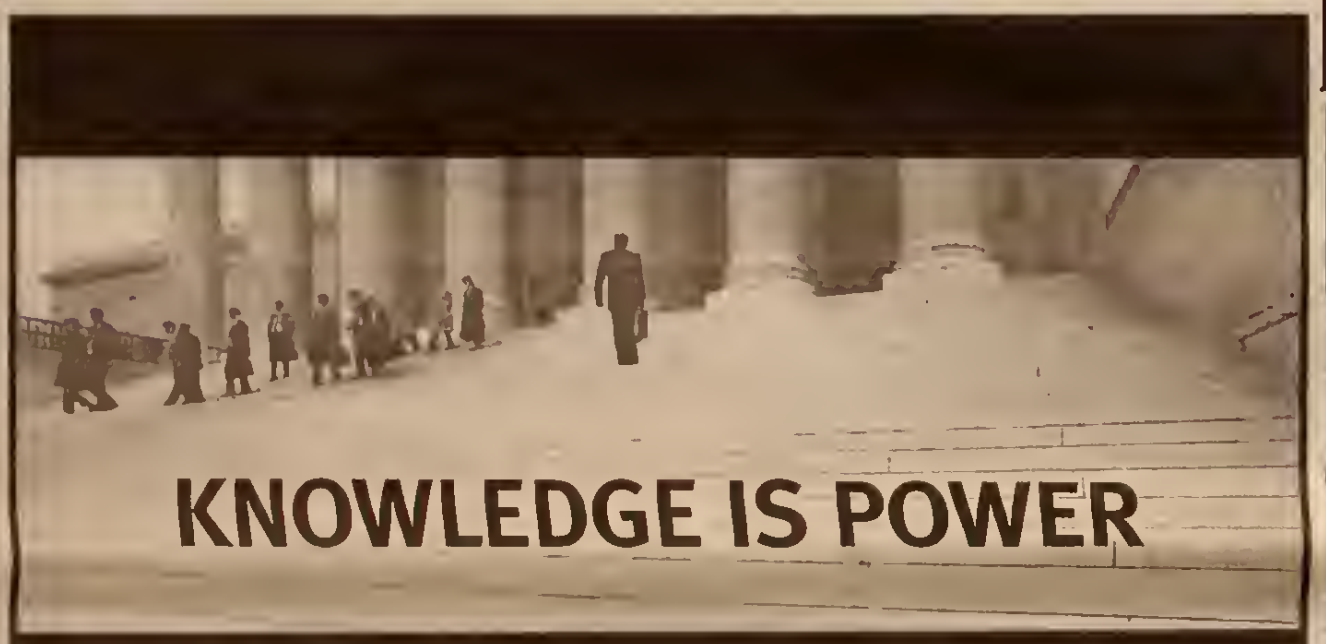

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COMING DOWN: A Shearer Penn employee works on the removal of two 65-year-old pin oaks on Wiggins Street at the corner of Moore Street. One of the trees had to be cut down to repair a sewer lateral, so homeowners Mr. and Mrs. Warren decided to remove both trees and plant two new pin oaks. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Arts Council Receives Geraldine Dodge Funds

The Arts Council of Princeton has been awarded a grant by the trustees of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to support its efforts to deliver arts education programs to underserved children in neighborhood settings.

In awarding this grant, the Dodge Foundation acknowledged the Arts Council's "efforts to provide students with high-quality arts experiences [and foster] educational values that may... help make society more humane and the world more livable."

Working in partnership with Princeton Young Achievers (PYA) and Princeton Nursery School, the Arts Council will use the grant to fund "Youth Outreach Art Education Services," a new initiative designed to reach underserved students, primarily those in affordable housing who are not able to get to the Arts Council building on a regular basis.

They will be offered a rotating series of arts programs — visual arts, drama, dance, and music — that will promote artistic development, individual creativity, and positive community identity.

Recent studies, including one conducted by American for the Arts, have concluded that youngsters who are engaged in the arts at least part of each week are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, four times more likely to participate in a math or science fair, and four times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem.

While adding a new dimension to the students' daily curriculum, the program will fill a critical gap in care. Ann Marie Grocholski, director of PYA, said that one of the components to be funded by the grant — "Creative Fridays" — will meet when PYA is not in session. Another, "Art in the Afternoons," will meet on parent-teacher conference days in both November and April, when there is nothing for children to do between early dismissal and the start of after-school programs.

"This gap in time between school and after-school programs poses an especially challenging problem for working parents or single-parent families," said Ms. Grocholski. "Schools do not have the resources in place to provide extra care, so often children have nowhere to go during that time. The Dodge grant permits us to fill those hours."

In addition, the Arts Council will use the grant to serve as a conduit between the students of these learning centers and local art museums, galleries, and theaters, thereby relating the children's artistic experiences to the dramatic and musical performances and arts exhibits available to them in the community.

At Princeton Nursery School, the grant will enable the Arts Council to fund a component entitled "Pre-K Arts." Connie Danser, director of the nursery school, said, "The arts enrich all of our lives, and it's wonderful for our children to have this opportunity to experience this enrichment on such a professional level during their formative years."

As part of this new initiative, the Arts Council's WPA Gallery will host special exhibitions of students' work, and parents and friends will be invited to celebrate their accomplishments. In future years, the Arts Council hopes to expand the program to additional sites and other organizations and cultural institutions.

The Arts Council of Princeton is located in the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street. For more information, call (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

"Grow a Building" Contest Slated at Public Library

While its new home rises downtown and in keeping with the "Read and Grow @ your library" theme of its summer reading club, Princeton Public Library will host Grow a Building, a contest for children in preschool through grade six on Tuesday, July 29 at 4 p.m.

Budding architects and engineers are invited to construct a building out of Legos, building blocks, Tinker Toys, or other materials they bring to the library.

Teams of up to six participants will compete for prizes in three age groups: preschool and kindergarten, grades one through three, and grades four through six.

Jan Johnson, manager of the library's youth services department said two major rules govern the competition: "All of the entries must be original designs, and they must be built on the spot. We don't want anyone bringing diagrams, papers, or preassembled parts into the library."

Contestants will have one hour to grow their building. Judging will begin at 5 p.m.

"We thought this program would be a natural for us this summer while we watch our new library grow downtown and because the theme of our summer reading club is 'Read and Grow @ your library,'" said Ms. Johnson.

Princeton Public Library is one of more than 300 libraries throughout New Jersey participating in the first statewide summer reading program under the banner "Read and Grow @ your library."

FARM FRESH FARE: Carlo Momo, co-owner of Mediterra Restaurant and several other local eateries, serves up tabouleh, frittata, and salad at the Herban Garden on Paul Robeson Place Saturday. Mediterra teamed up with Hopewell's Spring Hill Farm to present a cooking demonstration and tasting of seasonal dishes made with organic vegetables and herbs. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

All library programs are detailed in "@ your library," the newsletter and program guide available throughout the library.

The Princeton Public Library is temporarily located in Princeton Shopping Center at 301 North Harrison Street. For more information about the library's programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

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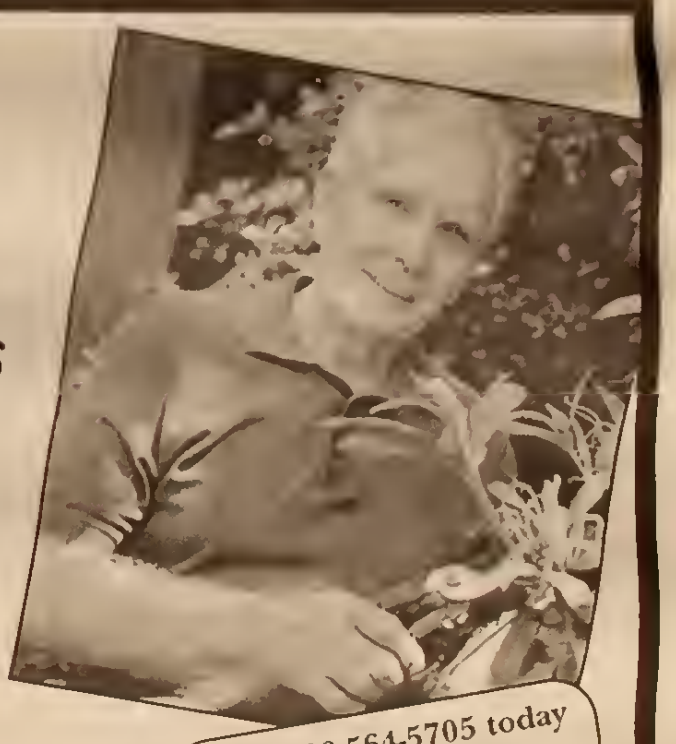

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STORY TIME: Children from the YWCA Princeton's Child Care Center at Valley Road School were recently invited to a story hour, with hot chocolate and cookies, at the Starbucks coffee shop on Nassau Street. Shown, from left, are Stephanie Garcia, Briani Vasquez, Starbucks employee Andrea Taylor, Jesus Cortez, Marqui McBride, and, behind the children, Kelly Schwing, a director of the Child Care Center. A Starbucks Foundation grant to the YWCA's Family Literacy Project helps Child Care Center children achieve English language and social skills before they enter kindergarten.

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The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce is planning a "Business After Business" Networking Reception with a summertime theme on Thursday, July 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Westin Princeton, which is located at 201 Village Boulevard, Princeton Forrestal Village.

Cost to attend is $15 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the regional chamber at (609) 520-1776.

The **Princeton Memorial Association** has changed its name to the **Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton** (FCAP) to more accurately reflect its purpose and to show that it is now affiliated with the national Funeral Consumers Alliance.

Founded in Princeton in 1956, the organization is a volunteer not-for-profit corporation that offers funeral planning information. For a one-time fee, members are sent up-to-date information on the practical details of funeral arrangements, cremation or burial, a list of cooperating funeral directors with special FCAP prices, methods of donating organs or bodies to medical science, and a sensible method of implementing their wishes.

For further information, call (609) 430-7250.

The **Friends of the International Center of Princeton University** recently elected two new officers and appointed new board members for 2003-04. The vice-president is Arianne Kassof; the secretary and new board member is Rosalie Levine. Anne Bolick will continue as president for the second half of a two-year term; Melford Bolick will continue as treasurer.

Other members appointed to the board of trustees are Carol Hoffman-Sweeten, David Shinkfield, and Elissa Pearlman. A new advisory committee, comprising current and former presidents of the Friends, will include Anne Bolick, Ruth Besser, Annegret Danspeckgruber, Lee Gunther-Mohr, Arianne Kassof, Lieske Wright, and Irene Wynne.

The Friends offer international graduate students, visiting scholars and their spouses a chance to practice conversational English and to make an easier adjustment to life in the United States. For further information, call Hanna Hand at (609) 258-1170.

A **Caregiver Support Group** for people caring for the elderly meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bear Creek Assisted Living in West Windsor. The service, which is free and open to the public, addresses personal and occupational issues related to all levels of caregiving, from minimal assistance to round-the-clock care. Upcoming meeting dates are August 13, September 10, and October 8.

Bear Creek is also offering a monthly **Grief Support Program**, which meets on the last Friday of each month. The free program focuses on issues surrounding the loss of a friend or family member, divorce, or the onset of Alzheimer's Disease in a loved one. Dates for upcoming meetings are July 25, August 29, and September 26.

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While they may have been overshadowed by an elite group of grandmasters, many rising stars who participated in the open section at the World Open made their marks too.

Samson Benen was definitely one of these. With a win over GM Hikaru Nakamura (another prodigy), Benen topped off a clear first place win at the H.S. Championships in Atlanta with a strong performance in Philadelphia.

At just 18 years old, he is already well on his way to earning a grandmaster title. This week's game continues to feature games from the World Open, played just a few weeks ago. Benen is battling one of the best grandmasters to ever grace the planet in Alek Wojtklewicz (whose name no one can pronounce). With a novelty on the ninth move in 9...Be7, Benen repositions his bishop to the more active f6 square where it can attack the c- and d-pawns.

This is an important idea to keep in mind. Often we develop the pieces with blatant disregard to their effectiveness, just so that we can castle our king to safety. This is okay, but when the king is safe, we must not neglect our other pieces.

It is not surprising that Benen might select a move like 12...g6. When you are playing a grandmaster it is always easy to fall into conservative play. He should have taken his chance to break in the center and keep his pawn shield intact. 12...e5 gains space in the center no matter how white continues.

The best line is 13.d5 Ne7 14.Nfd2 c6 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Bxc6 Be6 17.Qe4 bxc6 18.Qxc6 Rb8 and black has sacrificed a pawn for complete domination of the queenside and the ability to exploit weak light squares around white's king.

Keep an eye on Samson Benen. He always produces exciting games.

—Chad Lieberman

Wojtkiewicz, A. (2619) - Benen, S. (2324)
World Open Philadelphia, PA, 07.04.2003

1.Nf3	d5
2.d4	Nf6
3.c4	e6
4.g3	dxc4
5.Bg2	Nc6
6.Qa4	Bb4+
7.Bd2	Nd5
8.Qb5	0-0
9.Qxc4	Be7
10.0-0	Bf6
11.Bc3	Nxc3
12.bxc3	g6
13.Nbd2	Na5
14.Qa4	b6
15.Ne5	Bb7
16.Bxb7	Nxb7
17.Nd7	Re8
18.Nxf6+	Qxf6
19.Qc6	Na5
20.Qxc7	Rec8
21.Qd7	Qf5
22.e4	Qh5
23.e5	Qe2
24.Rad1	Rxc3
25.Rfe1	Qa6
26.Ne4	Qc8
27.Qe7	Rc7
28.Qh4	h5
29.d5	exd5
30.Nf6+	Black resigns

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1.Re8+ Qxe8
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11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, July 24:
11:00 a.m. Yoga; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPC.
3:00 p.m. Thursday Tea at Three; SPC.
3:00 p.m. Tow Path Stroll; Washington Rd. & Tow Path.

Friday, July 25:
10:45 a.m. Ping Pong; SPC.

Monday, July 28:
11:15 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPC.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay w/ Rice Lyons; Redding C.

Tuesday, July 29:
10:00 a.m. Tai Chi; SPC.
12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; SPC.
12:30 p.m. Game Afternoon; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPC.
3:00 p.m. Tow Path Stroll; Washington Road & Tow Path.

Wednesday, July 30:
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8 p.m.: *Fame*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 to 10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers; Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Thursday, July 24

6 to 8 p.m.: Concert in the Courtyard, with the Sandy Maxwell Band; Princeton Shopping Center.

7:30 p.m.: Recital, "The Big Boys of Broadway;" Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: *You're o Good Mon, Chorlie Brown*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, July 25

5:30 to 8 p.m.: New England Lobster Bake, benefit for Women's Health & Counselling Center of Somerville; Alchemist & Barrister Restaurant, 28 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Revue, *Songs for A New World*; William Mount-Burke Theatre, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: *Dr. Cook's Gorden*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Winter's Tale*; The Hun School. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 26

7 p.m.: Tone Rangers classic rock band; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

7 p.m.: "Jazz Under the Stars," with the Midnight Sun Big Band; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

7:30 p.m.: Recital, Holly Chatham, piano, and Patrick Wood, violin; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: *The Spitfire Grill*; William Mount-Burke Theatre, Peddie School, Hightstown. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 to 11 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Sunday, July 27

1 p.m.: Carillon Concert; Cleveland Tower, Princeton University Graduate School.

2 p.m.: Concert of classical, jazz, and Latin music; Dorothea's House, 120 John Street.

Monday, July 28
Recycling Pickup

7:30 p.m.: Hymn Sing, Faure's *Requiem*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Wednesday, July 30

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

7:30 p.m.: Recital, The Bob Siebert Trio; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 to 10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Beau Farmer with Pick-Up Band; Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Thursday, July 31

6 to 8 p.m.: Concert in the Courtyard, with the Monday Blues Band; Princeton Shopping Center.

7:30 p.m.: Recital, "Ben Dibble on Broadway;" Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: *Oliver*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *You're o Good Mon, Chorlie Brown*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, August 1
Property Taxes Due

7:30 p.m.: Recital, "Lies and Legends—The Music of Harry Chapin;" Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater in Community Park North, Mountain Avenue. Also Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Dr. Cook's Gorden*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 2

6 p.m.: Sidewalk Heroes rock and roll band; Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Followed at 7 p.m. by The Crypt Keeper rock and roll band.

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Engagements

Nancy Silver and Jerry Reiff

Silver-Reiff. Nancy J. Silver, daughter of Herbert and Lorraine Silver of Princeton, to Jerry R. Reiff, son of Ben and Maxine Reiff of Denver, Colo.

Ms. Silver is a partner in the law firm Silver & Silver, LLP, in New York City.

Mr. Reiff is first vice president, investments, with Smith Barney in Englewood, Colo.

An August wedding is planned.

Weddings

Victoria Adler and Josh Kleinmuntz

Adler-Kleinmuntz. Victoria Stephanie Adler, daughter of Judith Curtis Adler and Stephen Adler, both of Princeton, to Josh Elliott Kleinmuntz, son of Hindi and Mendel Kleinmuntz, of Santa Monica, Calif. The June 7 ceremony, at Marquand House, was officiated by Deborah Lee.

The bride, 33, a graduate of Princeton High School, received a B.A. degree in English literature from Yale University. She holds an M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, and is currently acquiring an M.S. in speech-language pathology. She is also a fiction writer whose work recently appeared in the Ontario Review.

The groom, 41, graduated from the University of California Santa Cruz with a B.A. degree in social psychology. He is an actor.

The couple lives in Manhattan.

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GOING, GOING, GONE: The yellow Victorian house above currently functions as the administrative offices of Family Guidance Center. But it will have to be demolished to construct a newly - approved three-story office/apartment building designed for 253 Nassau Street, shown below. The Planning Board approved the developer's application at its meeting last Thursday.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

(Courtesy of Minno & Wasko)

Nassau Street

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statements that the building will remain "aloof" from the neighborhood, rather than become part of the neighborhood.

Another feature of the façade Mayor Reed didn't like was the raised courtyard. He called it "off putting." His response to this element was opposite to the developer's intent, however.

When questioned about the courtyard, Mr. Albert painted a picture of office-building workers walking across the street on a pleasant day for a sandwich, and returning to the courtyard to eat while watching passersby. It promotes a "classic urban village kind of environment," he said.

He added that the courtyard would be a piece of usable hardscape, providing seating as part of the structure rather than a space for chairs or tables.

"This is a village on the east side of Nassau Street that is very, very vital," Mr. Albert said.

The boards asked that the sidewalk running along the 75-foot wide property remain consistent with the street, rather than consistent with the building.

The plan had proposed changing the sidewalk to flagstone-looking material to match the building. But not wanting to risk any confusion on the part of pedestrians as to what is their public area for walking, the board asked for a change.

The Planning Board also wanted to preserve two public parking spaces on Nassau Street in front of the property.

The conditions represented fine-tuning of a project that initially met with strong objections two years ago during concept review.

At that time, board members wanted to avoid removing the existing building and trees and they also voiced support for using the location for housing, which wasn't allowed under existing zoning.

At that time, Planning Board member Wanda Gunning asked the applicant to try to retain the present building for historical and other reasons, noting that it represented the last of the residential buildings preceding the neighborhood's "gasoline alley" period.

Mr. Albert said the existing building couldn't be incorporated into the proposal because it wasn't in good enough repair and couldn't be renovated economically. Saving it would also require moving it to the front of the lot, and he wasn't certain the building would survive such a move.

Housing was such a strong priority for the board that since concept review in July 2001, it encouraged the Borough to amend its zoning so that a mixed-use building could be constructed on the site. Formerly, the service-business zone precluded apartments.

A traffic report submitted with the application indicated that the proposed uses would generate a relatively low volume of traffic. The morning peak hour will generate 22 trips and the evening peak hour will generate 24 trips. Mr. Albert called this traffic increase "marginal."

The only comment from the public came from Nassau Seafood's Jack Morrison and his opinion of the project was favorable.

The Family Guidance Center, which includes a consortium of services including behavioral healthcare, counseling and consumer credit, hasn't yet decided where to relocate. It's unlikely to be Princeton, however, said Mark Lamar, the center's executive director.

"Princeton is a pricey address," he said. "Staying hasn't been ruled out, but it will probably be in another Mercer County community."

The organization, which has been headquartered in Princeton since 1986, also has a behavioral healthcare center in Hamilton Township, the Children's Day School in Ewing, and offices in Trenton.

—Becky Melvin

Montgomery Group Buys Platz Farm

The Montgomery Friends of Open Space has seen its first preservaton efforts come to fruition through the purchase of the 39-acre Platz farm on Dutchtown-Harlingen Road. The local nonprofit was formed in Spring 2002 to preserve land in Montgomery Township.

Delaware and Raritan Greenway, central New Jersey's leading land trust, guided Montgomery Friends through its first preservation effort. Its help was particularly useful due to the complicated circumstances of the purchase: the property was already under contract to a developer, Wildflower Estates, which had planned to put ten houses on the tract.

Loraine Otis, president of Montgomery Friends, pointed out the benefit of the partnership.

"D&R Greenway's real contribution was in finding a way that everyone - the developer, the landowner, the township, and the local land trust - could come out a winner and meet the goal of permanent preservation of the Platz land," she explained.

Linda Mead, D&R Greenway's executive director added, "By using our years of expertise to jump-start Montgomery Friends, we've all come out ahead."

Montgomery Friends has pledged a portion of its first New Jersey Green Acres grant to fund a pathway along the perimeter of the Platz property.

For more information, contact Montgomery Friends of Open Space at 908-359-2845 or D&R Greenway at 609-924-4646.

Gardener Training Program Accepting Applications

Beginning at the end of September 2003 and continuing into March 2004, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County wil offer a Master Gardener volunteer training program. Mercer County residents with an interest in horticulture and the desire to share their knowledge in service to others are being offered the opportunity to enroll.

Trainees will receive over 60 hours of instuction in a wide variety of horticultural subjects. Teaching staff consists of Mercer County horticulturist Barbara J. Bromley, county agricultural agents, faculty from Cook College of Rutgers University, and other horticultural experts.

Following the classroom training, trainees spend 60 hours volunteering with Mercer County Extension or related programs, including at least 30 hours spent supplying information to the public on the Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline, and five hours service at the award-winning Mercer County Home Composting Demonstration Site and Gardens in Pennington.

Classes will meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension officce, 930 Spruce Street, next to the Trenton Farmers Market. Applications and program descriptions are available at the Extension office or can be requested by calling (609) 989-6830, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mercer County residents are given priority and are admitted in the order in which applications are received. Class size is limited to 36. The deadline for submitting applications is August 31, and a $150 tuition fee is due with the application. The fee covers the cost of the training manual, name badges, class supplies, and speaker fees. Scholarship opportunities may be available.

The Master Gardeners of Mercer County is a volunteer educational outreach program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Eden Reschedules "Moon Over Monaco"

"Moon Over Monaco," a benefit event for the Eden Family of Services originally slated for March 29, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 11 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing.

The black-tie event will provide guests with the opportunity to travel to Monaco, the little principality located between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. Guests will experience a memorable evening of cabaret music and the thrill of a European casino salon. Entertainment will be provided by the Joey Roberts Orchestra.

Frankie Avalon and Janice Price, president of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, will serve as honorary co-chairpersons of the event.

The Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing is located at 201 South Christopher Columbus Boulevard. For more information or to make a reservation, call (609) 987-0099 or visit www.edenservices.org.

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NEW TEEN WEBSITE: HiTOPS, the non-profit teen sex education organization, has opened a new website offering adolescents and their parents information on its clinic services and educational outreach programs. Shown testing the new site, from left, are Blair Lamb of Pennington, Patrick Thurber of Princeton, Amanda Palmer (seated) of Hopewell, and Calvin Reed of Princeton.

Harry Potter Trivia Night Returning to Public Library

The Harry Potter Trivia competition, one of the most popular library programs of the year, will return on Monday, August 4 at 4 p.m., this time with a twist.

Presented by the library's Teen Advisory Board, February's inaugural Harry Potter Trivia drew 100 people to the library as more than 60 young people tested their knowledge of the first four volumes in the series.

The program proved so popular that the Teen Advisory Board repeated it in April at Riverside School at the request of the school's PTO.

This latest edition of the contest will be something altogether different for the Advisory Board, a group of students in grades six and over who meet each month with Teen Services Librarian Susan Conlon to advise her about the library's young adult collection and discuss recent reads.

"This time, the tables will be turned," said Ms. Conlon. "We're inviting everyone, especially young readers who participated in February, to stump the teens on their knowledge of *Horry Potter ond the Order of the Phoenix* and the other HP books."

Ms. Conlon said she hoped questioners and those being questioned would get in the spirit of things and dress in Harry Potter garb.

"We're encouraging everyone to dress as a favorite character from Hogwarts," she said. "That definitely contributed to the atmosphere the last time."

Harry Potter Trivia is part of "Read and Grow @ your library," the summer reading club for children. All library programs are detailed in "@ your library," the newsletter and program guide available throughout the library.

The Princeton Public Library is temporarily located in Princeton Shopping Center at 301 North Harrison Street. For more information about the library's programs and services, call (609) 924–9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Meals on Wheels Seeking Volunteers

The American Red Cross of Central New Jersey has announced that it needs volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly and disabled in the Princeton-Hightstown area. Daily deliveries run from Monday through Friday; volunteers would be needed for approximately two hours on the day of their choice.

In addition to enabling the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes and receive a well-balanced meal, the Red Cross Meals on Wheels Program provides recipients with a friendly visit by the delivering volunteers.

Those interested in participating in the program are invited to contact Rose Berger, administrator of elderly services at American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, at (609) 951-2121.

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MUSIC & THEATER

McCarter Schedules Ten Jazz Ensembles In 2003-04 Season

Jazz lovers will find much to enjoy in McCarter Theatre's 2003-2004 Jazz Series, starting with the season's opening act: jazz icon Dave Brubeck. His trio will perform on Saturday, September 27, and be followed by nine more recognized performers and ensembles.

At 82, pianist Brubeck is "still making some of the loveliest music ever played since jazz was born," said Time Magazine.

Another veteran pianist, George Shearing, has been earning international recognition for more than 50 years as one of the greatest pianist-composers of his generation. His quintet will appear at McCarter on October 20.

The 2003-2004 Jazz Series will continue in November with Herbie Hancock and his quartet on Wednesday, November 5. Two weeks later, on Wednesday, November 19, McCarter will host Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist Cassandra Wilson, called "America's best singer" by Time Magazine.

Bassist/composer Dave Holland, another contemporary jazz artist, will perform with his quintet on Saturday, January 24, 2004, when they will be joined by pianist Jason Moran, a favorite of jazz critics.

The Newport Jazz Festival 50th Anniversary Tour will make a stop at McCarter on Friday, February 6, with an all-star band including James Moody on reeds, trumpeters Randy Becker and Cedar Walton, James Carter on tenor sax, guitarist Howard Alden, drummer Lewis Nash, and bassist Peter Washington. On Saturday, February 21, saxophonist Joe Lovano will lead his Grammy Award-winning nonet through an exploration of Miles Davis' legendary *Birth of the Cool* album and its influences on jazz past, present and future.

On Friday, February 27, McCarter will host "From Bayou to Bourbon Street" featuring the Grammy-nominated pianist Marcia Ball, The Dirty Dozen Jazz Band, and Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys. Jane Monheit, known within the music industry as "the sultry reincarnation of Ella Fitzgerald," will appear with five-time Grammy-winning vibraphonist Gary Burton and pianist Makoto Ozone on Saturday, April 17.

The Jazz series will wrap up with the Roy Haynes Quintet performing "Birds of a Feather: A Charlie Parker Tribute," featuring alto saxophonist Kenny Garrett, on Saturday, May 22. Legendary drummer Roy Haynes first joined Charlie "Bird" Parker's band as a teenager. Now, some 60 years later at age 78, he headlines this tribute to the late bebop giant, considered by many to have been the greatest jazz saxophonist ever.

Subscriptions for McCarter's 2003-2004 season are now on sale. Subscribers are given top priority for preferred seats, before tickets go on sale to the general public. To order, call (609) 258-2787. Single tickets for individual events will go on sale to the general public August 4.

This is the complete schedule of jazz concerts.

Jazz Series 1 (subscriptions from $160 to $185): Monday, October 20, 8 p.m., George Shearing Quintet. Wednesday, November 19, 8 p.m., Cassandra Wilson. Saturday, January 24, 2004, 8 p.m., Dave Holland Quintet with Jason Moran, piano. Friday, February 27, 8 p.m., "From Bayou to Bourbon Street" with Marcia Ball, The Dirty Dozen Jazz Band, and Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys. Saturday, May 22, 8 p.m., "Birds of a Feather: A Charlie Parker Tribute," with the Roy Haynes Quintet featuring Kenny Garrett.

Jazz Series 2 (subscriptions from $160 to $185): Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m., Dave Brubeck Quartet. Wednesday, November 5, 8 p.m., Herbie Hancock Quartet. Friday, February 6, 2004, 8 p.m., Newport Jazz Festival: 50th Anniversary Tour. Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m., "Birth of the Cool" with Joe Lovano Nonet and the Roy Hargrove Quintet. Saturday, April 17, 8 p.m., Jane Monheit with Gary Burton and Makoto Ozone .

FAGIN'S GANG: Jim Palmer, center, will star as Fagin in the Yardley Players Theatre Company production of the musical comedy *Oliver.* Performances are Thursday through Saturday July 31, August 1 and 2; and Wednesday through Saturday, August 6, 7, 8, and 9 at 8 p.m. at Washington Crossing State Park's Open Air Theatre in Titusville. Tickets are $8 to $12 with children under 12 at half price.

Concert Will Benefit Neglected Children

Dorothea's House, at 120 John Street, will be the venue for an eclectic concert of classical, jazz, and Latin music this Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. The program will be hosted by Family and Children's Services of Central New Jersey, and will benefit the abused and neglected children who are served by the agency.

The performing quartet — two flutes, a guitar and a contrabass — consists of musicians with diverse musical backgrounds from the New York and New Jersey area who have performed locally and internationally. One is a clinician with Family and Children's Services.

Proceeds from the concert will support the clinicians who provide in-home counseling for the families where abuse and neglect have been confirmed by the courts. The goal is to help the family sustain a safe home environment for the child.

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THEATER REVIEW

Princeton Summer Theater Takes a Turn Toward the Heartwarming In "Peanuts"-Based Musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

Following up on Oscar Wilde's devastatingly witty *The Importance of Being Earnest* and Tom Stoppard's highly verbal, intellectual *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, Princeton Summer Theater takes its audiences to a vastly different realm for its third offering of the season. *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, with music, lyrics and book by Clark Gesner, delivers warmth, whimsy and optimism. Based on Charles Schulz's beloved comic strip, it's a day in the life of the "Peanuts" gang: Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Patty and Snoopy. The critical issues here are not life and death, love and marriage, but an empty supper bowl, an uncooperative kite, unreceived Valentine's cards, low self-esteem and an unwritten book report.

A DOG'S LIFE?: Snoopy (Virginia Pourakis, in white) atop her doghouse, basks in the adulation of the Peanuts gang — left to right: Lucy (Ronit Rubenstein), Schroeder (Jed Peterson), Charlie Brown (Benjaming Mains), Linus (Sean Effinger-Dean), and Patty (Mary Katherine Sheena) — in Princeton Summer Theater's production of Clark Gesner's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," currently playing at the Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus.

Wilde and Stoppard aficionados may find the evening a bit sugary, but young audiences and all "Peanuts" comic strip lovers will readily succumb to the appeal of more than 40 humorous, heartwarming vignettes — many with music and dance, some fairly lengthy and complex, some very brief and simple — portraying these "Peanuts" characters and their struggles to triumph over life's daily challenges.

Though the world created by Mr. Schulz and Mr. Gesner here is a world of young children, the themes resonate with all ages. Which of us doesn't worry about being noticed or not being noticed (even if we don't put a paper lunch bag over our head), finding the right balance between our fantasy lives and our real lives, bearing up under the everyday disasters (losing baseball games, falling kites), finding happiness in the small pleasures of life?

Director Lindsey Mantoan a recent Princeton University graduate, has assembled a multi-talented undergraduate ensemble, all well cast, carefully rehearsed and on target in characterization, song and dance. Music director Erica Schlegel provides adept piano accompaniment and conducts a spirited, melodious four-piece pit orchestra.

Benjamin Mains as the long-suffering Charlie Brown creates a likable and convincing central figure. From struggling to get his kite into the air ("Little more speed, little more rope, little more wind, little more hope, gotta get this stupid kite to fly!"), to suffering slights from Lucy and others, to hoping in vain that the cute red-haired girl will notice him or banging his head in frustration on the nearest tree — Mr. Mains performs with energy and focus, unerringly lovable, expressive and sympathetic in his travails.

Ronit Rubinstein combines a powerful harmonious singing voice with an authoritative presence to establish the controlling young Lucy, supremely self-confident in enforcing her domination by whatever means are necessary. She is especially memorable in her courtship of the Beethoven-obsessed pianist Schroeder, in her ambitions to be a queen, as Charlie Brown's ruthless psychiatrist and in questioning her friends as she carries out a "crabbiness survey" in order to know herself better.

As Snoopy, Virginia Pourakis, clad in white jump suit, with pigtails and large expressive eyes, makes her colorful doghouse a focal point of the evening. She fantasizes about being a detective ("Rabbit Chasing"), a World War I flying ace ("Curse you, Red Baron!") or a vicious jungle animal ready to pounce. She regrets that "Nobody ever calls me 'sugar lips'" then shows her ability to hoof it with the best in a jazzy, vaudevillian solo number in praise of "Suppertime" ("So what's wrong with making mealtime a joyous occasion?").

Sean Effinger-Dean's Linus uses his "cozy sanctuary" security blanket to advantage ("Sucking your thumb without a blanket is like eating a cone without ice cream"), sings and dances with style and creates a strong, credible presence in the appropriate "Peanuts" mode, holding his own even in encounters with his big sister Lucy.

Jed Peterson successfully portrays the child prodigy Schroeder, battling the philistine forces that surround him — whether enduring Lucy's crass pragmatism as she fails to appreciate the mighty Beethoven or, in "Glee Club Rehearsal," trying to lead a rehearsal of "Home on the Range" ("Remember, this is a mood piece. We must paint a picture with music and words. And concentrate!") amidst endless disruptions as the group quibbles, carps and steals pencils.

As the outspoken, tomboyish Peppermint Patty, Mary Katherine Sheena lends capable animated support throughout the evening and provides a consistently believable and winning characterization.

Set and lighting by Alex Naiman help to bring the comic strip characters and settings to vivid, three-dimensional existence, with a playground (sandbox, seesaw and swing) stage left; Snoopy's doghouse and Lucy's psychiatry booth at upstage center and a love seat at stage right. The simple, colorful unit set and skillful lighting enable the company to keep the action moving swiftly and smoothly from scene to scene. Jessie Leto's costumes reinforce the distinctive individual personalities and the spirit of this engaging musical.

The six-member ensemble collaborates with skill and sensitivity. By the time they reach their finale, "Happiness" ("Happiness is anyone and anything at all that's loved by you"), interweaving voices and emotions as they gaze up at the sky from the apron of the stage, the sympathetic sighs and laughter of the audience provide ample evidence that this tribute to the world of childhood and its simple pleasures has hit its mark.

Princeton Summer Theater has dedicated this appealing production to the memory of Mr. Gesner, a Princeton University alumnus of the class of 1960 who died just one year ago. He was a major writer and performer in the Triangle Show as an undergraduate and went on to write for "Captain Kangaroo," "Sesame Street" and "That Was the Week That Was" on television. Mr. Gesner's original production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown opened Off-Broadway in March of 1967, ran for 1597 performances, spawned numerous touring companies, became a staple for community theaters and high schools and led to a London stage sequel (Snoopy: The Musical) and a major Broadway revival (with revisions) in 1999.

—Donald Gilpin

Princeton Summer Theater's production of Clark Gesner's *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* plays July 24-27, July 31-August 3, at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus.

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Jimmy Smits to Star In Inaugural Play At Berlind Theatre

McCarter Theatre has announced that film and television star Jimmy Smits will join the cast of *Anna in the Tropics* for the inaugural production at McCarter's new 360-seat Roger S. Berlind Theatre this fall. The 2003 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Nilo Cruz will be directed by McCarter Artistic Director Emily Mann. Performances will begin September 9 and run through October 19.

Mr. Smits, an Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning actor, is perhaps best known for his roles on two hit television series, *LA Law* and *NYPD Blue*. He has the distinction of having received an Emmy nomination for every year he appeared in the series. Currently filming *Stor Wars, Episode III* in Australia, his numerous film credits include *Running Scored, The Believers, Old Gringo*, and *Switch*. On stage, he performed last summer in *Twelfth Night* to critical acclaim and sold-out crowds for the New York Shakespeare Festival in Central Park.

For *Anno in the Tropics*, Mr. Smits will join an ensemble cast including Vanessa Aspillaga, Priscilla Lopez, John Ortiz, Daphne Rubin-Vega, and David Zayas.

With *Anno in the Tropics*, Cuban-born Mr. Cruz became the first Hispanic playwright to win the Pulitzer Prize for drama. The play is set in a 1929 Cuban-American cigar factory where cigars are still rolled by hand and lectors are employed to educate and entertain the workers. The arrival of a new lector (Mr. Smits) is cause for celebration, but when he begins to read aloud from *Anna Korenino*, he unwittingly becomes a catalyst in the lives of his listeners, for whom Tolstoy, the tropics, and the American dream prove a volatile combination.

Mr. Cruz's work has been performed in theaters throughout the country. His play *Night Train to Bolino* received a W. Alton Jones Award and was produced at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco. A *Park in Our House* was commissioned and produced by McCarter Theatre, with subsequent productions at the Magic Theatre and New York Theatre Workshop. *Dancing on Her Knees* was also developed at the Magic, as part of the Bay Area Playwrights Festival, and was produced at the Joseph Papp Public Theater in New York. His play *Two Sisters ond o Piono*, also commissioned by McCarter, received the Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays Award. His latest play, *Lorca in o Green Dress*, is currently having its world premiere at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Following its McCarter engagement, *Anno in the Tropics* is slated for a Broadway run.

September marks the official opening of the Roger S. Berlind Theatre, a new performance space named after the Broadway producer. The new building, designed by theater architect Hugh Hardy, will be used both by McCarter Theatre and by Princeton University's Program in Theater and Dance.

Single tickets for *Anna in the Tropics* will go on sale August 4. For tickets call (609) 258-ARTS or visit www.mccarter.org.

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"Afghan Women" Starts New Season At Passage Theatre

Trenton's Passage Theatre has announced its 2003-2004 schedule.

The season will get underway in October with a production of William Mastrosimone's *Afghan Women*. A Titusville resident and Passage's playwright-in-residence, Mr. Mastrosimone has a long-standing interest in Afghanistan, having traveled there during the Soviet occupation in the 1980s to research his film *The Beast*. His credits as a Hollywood screenwriter include *Extremities*, A&E's *Sinotra*, and, most recently, the Showtime adaptation of his play, *Bang Bong You're Deod*, which won Emmy and Peabody Awards.

Afghon Women is currently being produced around the country, with audiences making donations after each show to International Orphan Care, a nonprofit group that works to provide care for Afghanistan's orphans. The play tells the story of an Afghan-American woman who returns to her homeland to volunteer at an orphanage. When it comes under attack from a rogue warlord, she must take part in a battle she never expected. In doing so, she offers her enemies the chance to reject the old ways and embrace the reality of a new Afghanistan.

Previews of *Afghon Women* will take place Thursday, October 9 through Sunday, October 12, at 8 p.m. The show will run from Thursday, October 16 through Sunday, November 2, 2003.

Passage's season will continue with *The Faurth Annuol Solo Flights Festival*, which will offer three solo performances in rotating repertory from Thursday, February 5 through Sunday, February 29, 2004. All three shows premiered in New York City over the past two years.

The Mon Who Danced with Morlene Dietrich is written and performed by Robin Hirsch. Mr. Hirsch's first story cycle, *Mosoic; Fragments of a Jewish Life*, described family life in the shadow of World War II. Set at a ball in Berlin in the 1920s, the new installment tells how Hirsch's mother found her first true love — a man who also caught the eye of Marlene Dietrich. American Theatre Magazine has called Mr. Hirsch's storytelling "a luminous evocation of a vanished European world."

Wotermelon — Git it while it's Hot!, written and performed by Cecelia Antolnette, with directorial and creative influence from Jeffery Miller and Lorna Littleway, offers a comedic look at an African-American girl's journey from rural southern poverty to empowered womanhood.

Downlooded ond in Denial, written and performed by Cynthia Adler, uses satire to explore how TV news gets made, and how it changes our view of the world.

The final offering in Passage's 2003-2004 season will be the world premiere in May of *In Maholio's Light*, a new musical work conceived by the gospel and jazz singer Queen Esther Marrow, and Roseanne Kirk. Ms. Marrow, who also stars in the piece, has been singing on stages world-wide for more than 30 years, and has appeared with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harry Belafonte, Bob Dylan, B.B. King, and Duke Ellington. *In Moholio's Light* pays homage to her mentor, the gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. The musical tribute will run from May 6 to May 30, 2004.

All Passage mainstage performances take place at the historic Mill Hill Playhouse at the corner of Front and Montgomery Streets in Trenton. Free parking is available across the street from the theatre. Showtimes for all productions are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 5 p.m.

Tickets for *Afghan Women* are $25 (previews $20). Tickets for each *Solo Flights* performance are $20, and tickets for In *Moholio's Light* are $25. Passage Theatre memberships, which cost $80, offer members tickets to all five productions, priority seating, discount coupons for single tickets for friends, and the chance to see each show an unlimited number of times.

For tickets, call (609) 392-0766.

"Merry Wives" to Feature Local Celebrities in Cast

Will the Bard ever recover?

The Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival's production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will begin its three-week run August 1 at the Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater with local celebrities and personalities from Princeton and West Windsor in speaking parts. Each night another politician, business owner, or writer will appear in the show to add some local color.

Among those scheduled to make their Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival debut are Peter Benchley, author of *Jows*; Wendy Benchley, Princeton Borough Council Member; Pam Hersh, community relations director at Princeton University; West Windsor Mayor Shing-Fu Shuih; Princeton Borough Mayor Marvin Reed; David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management; Tom Weeks, Princeton branch manager of Fleet Bank; Tom Janick, owner of Craft Cleaners; and Tom Block and Tom Grimm of Thomas Sweet Ice Cream.

Also lending her voice to the production will be Marty Moss-Coane of NPR's "Radio Times." Ms. Moss-Coane will record voice-overs featuring topical local issues. John Timpane from NPR's "Been There Done That" will write her scripts.

The permanent cast of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will include Nell Gwynn as Mrs. Ford, Victoria Stuwell as Mrs. Page, and Dennis McLaughlin as Falstaff.

The Merry Wives of Windsor will run from August 1 through August 17. The Shakespeare play lampoons the social prerogatives of middle- and upper-class Elizabethans; in the Princeton Rep's modernization, the locale moves from Windsor, England to West Windsor and Princeton.

Tickets for Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival productions are free, with a suggested $10 donation for adults. They are available at Thomas Sweet, 29 Palmer Square, Mondays to Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 p.m.; at Wegmans in Nassau Park every day from 6 a.m. to midnight; and at Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater the night of each performance, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater is in Community Park North, on Mountain Avenue just west of Route 206.

Kelsey Theatre Opens Auditions for "Tollbooth"

Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre will host auditions for *The Phontom Tollbooth* on Saturday, August 2, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Mercer's West Windsor Campus. The play will be presented by The Kelsey Players as the season opener of Kelsey's series for children.

The show will be directed by Kay Potucek. There are parts available for both children and adults; children must be at least 10 years old to audition.

Performances of *The Phontom Tollbooth* will be held September 26 through 28 at the Kelsey Theatre. The two-act play by Susan Nanus is based on the book by Norton Juster.

Auditioners are asked to prepare a one-minute monologue and to wear comfortable clothing appropriate for movement. Additional readings will be provided. A photo and resume is requested if available.

No audition appointment is needed. Those interested should check at Kelsey Theatre for room location signs.

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THEY BROKE THE MOLD: Among the works on display at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in "Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daumier to Rodin (1832-1914)" is the above piece by Aime Jules Dalou, entitled "Worker Rolling Up His Sleeve."

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL: The above work by B.A. Keogh, entitled "2-D/3-D Salt & Pepper Shaker," is among the pieces to be featured alongside works by Bob Baum at the Artists' Gallery in Lambertville in "Alternate Dimensions" from August 8 through September 7.

ART

Zimmerli Museum Hosting Parisian Sculpture Exhibit

"Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daumier to Rodin (1832-1914)" is currently on display at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum.

The exhibition — which contains approximately 200 three-dimensional works in a variety of media by over 50 artists and of about 75 related works on paper — documents the dynamic aesthetic, thematic, and technical concerns of sculptors in Paris from 1832 to 1914, the period of time from the July Monarchy to the First World War.

The show presents the full range of media explored by artists during this time: plaster, terra cotta, bronze, wax, pâte-de-verre, wood, enameled stoneware, zinc, and mixed media.

It also includes studies and related works of such major public monuments as Rude's Arc-de-triomphe, Dalou's Triomphe de la Republique, and Aubé's Monument to Gambetta, and for such important but unrealized monuments as David D'Anger's "Liberty," Carriès' Porte de Persifal, Rodin's Gates of Hell, and Meunier's and Dalou's separate plans for a Monument to Workers of the 1890s.

Most importantly, the exhibition emphasizes the development of sculpture during this 85-year period as an art form independent from the often artistically-inhibiting and politically-motivated commissions of large public monuments.

Numerous artists during this intensely artistic and political time — for instance, Daumier, Carriès, Gauguin, and Degas — figuratively, and literally, "broke the mold" of academic sculpture with innovative explorations into the purpose, subject, style, and media of sculpture to initiate the modernist movement in Western three-dimensional art.

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street on Rutgers University's College Avenue campus in New Brunswick. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and weekends, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (732) 932-7237 or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

CHANGING TIDE: The above 1966 photograph by Danny Lyon, entitled "Crossing the Ohio River from Louisville," is among the images on display in "Changing America, 1945-1975: Master Photographs from the David Sestak Family Collection" at the Newark Museum through November 30.

Artists' Gallery to Examine "Alternate Dimensions"

Recent works by Bob Baum and B.A. Keogh will be on display in "Alternate Dimensions," a joint exhibition that will appear at the Artists' Gallery from Friday, August 8 through Sunday, September 7.

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, August 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.

In the exhibit, Ms. Keogh will feature three-dimensional objects with their two-dimensional renderings, while Mr. Baum will show both two- and three-dimensional pieces that complement each other.

"Aesthetic objects have long been used by artists as subject material for still life painting," said Ms. Keogh, "and what I wanted to explore with this series is how the paintings can then become used as reference for the objects, making a transition from 3-D to 2-D and back again."

Each of the three-dimensional pieces in the show by Ms. Keogh is shown with a preliminary sketch, a study, and a final portrait. Ms. Keogh, who studied art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, has been a member of the Artists' Gallery since 1998.

"In my art," said Mr. Baum, "I want to catch those fleeting moments of light, shadow, and gesture when the subject reveals something new."

His work includes casually posed figures in clay, left unglazed to show off the warm qualities of the material, carved Brazilian soapstones, and impressionistic landscapes. Mr. Baum, who began painting while serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, studied art at Glassboro State College, now Rowan University. He has previously won sculpture awards at the Phillips Mill Show in Bucks County, Pa.

The Artists' Gallery, a cooperative fine arts gallery of 18 artists, is located at 32 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call (609) 397-4588 or visit www.lam bertvillearts.com.

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RELIGIOUS RELEVANCE: The above oil on canvas work by Vivian McDuffie, entitled "God is My Money, Money is My God," is among the pieces that will be on display at the Newark Museum in "Art Explores Religion" beginning July 30.

Newark Museum Show To Explore Religion

The Newark Museum will run "Art Explores Religion" from Wednesday, July 30 through Sunday, September 28.

In the exhibition, six New Jersey artists will express their views on the role of organized religion in the 21st century through a variety of media, including paintings, sculptures, mixed media, and digital drawings. A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, September 14.

Participating artists include Vivian McDuffie, Betty McGeehan, Janet Taylor Pickett, Gloria Rodriguez Calero, Ela Shah, and Ilene Steglitz. "Art Explores Religion" will be on view in the Community Gallery of the main building.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street in Newark. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6550 or visit www.newarkmuseum.org.

Grounds For Sculpture To Showcase ISC Work

This summer, Grounds For Sculpture will mount "ISC@GFS," a group exhibition of work by 56 members of the International Sculpture Center.

The exhibit will run from Sunday, July 27 from Sunday, September 28.

The International Sculpture Center, a member-supported, non-profit organization founded in 1960, advances the creation and understanding of sculpture and its contribution to society.

"ISC@GFS," the first international juried exhibition to be hosted by Grounds For Sculpture, marks the ongoing partnership between the two organizations.

The show, for which there were nearly 1,000 entries, was juried by an international panel of professionals that included artist Helen Escobedo; Steve Nash, director of the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas; and Carter Ratcliff, internationally acclaimed critic and writer.

"I was impressed by the range and vitality of the work submitted for this exhibition," said Mr. Ratcliff. "The variety — not to mention the sheer amount — of sculpture to be considered made jurying an exacting but also an exhilarating task. This will be a strong exhibition."

Visitors will also see several new works in the park, including pieces by Magdalena Abakanowicz, Benbow Bullock, Ron Mehlman, and Pat Musick.

Grounds For Sculpture is a 35-acre sculpture grounds and museum located at 18 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 586-0616 or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

HIS IMPRESSION: "Dancers," the above 1899 pastel on paper work by Edgar Degas, is among the more than 15,000 pieces in the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Princeton University Art Museum.

Watershed Association To Host Workshop

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association will host a Landscape Painting Workshop Series for adults and teens from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on three consecutive Saturdays: July 26, August 2, and August 9.

Patrons will learn how to landscape in acrylic or oil paint. In the three-part series, participants will mix shades of green as found in nature, explore artistic techniques, see natural colors, and complete a small landscape study.

The workshops will be held at the Buttinger Nature Center. The fee for the workshop series is $35 for Watershed members and $45 for non-members. For more information, call (609) 737-7592.

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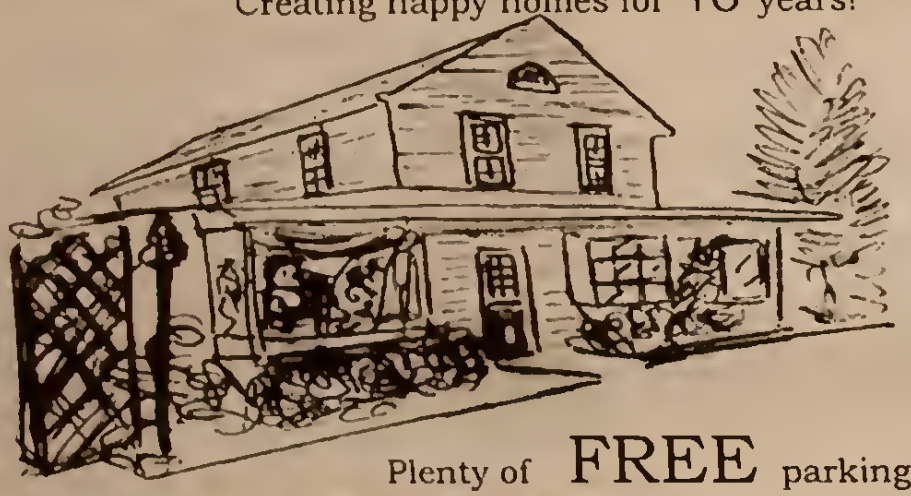

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ONGOING RETROSPECTIVE: Through August 31, the Newark Museum is featuring a retrospective of works by photographer Gordon Parks in "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks."

New Jersey State Museum Turns to Fossilized Past

Through December 31, the New Jersey State Museum will feature "The Ones That Didn't Get Away: Fossil Fish from the New Jersey State Museum."

Much of what is known about the evolutionary history of fish has been found in the fossil record of North America, especially New Jersey. Some of the discoveries during recent decades have changed theories of fish evolution in fundamental ways.

Some fossils have made it possible to learn more about fish groups that are still living, but which are difficult to observe in their watery environment.

Organized largely from the museum's own Natural History collections, the exhibition features a number of fossil discoveries credited to the museum's field and laboratory researchers. The show is appearing on the first floor of the museum in the south and west galleries.

Visitors will see the menacing appearance of the skull of a huge ancient predator, Dunkleosteus, as well as the record of fossils from the earliest jawless fishes to the plethora of species that have been preserved in the rocks of the Cenozoic Era.

While the appearance alone of the "Bulldog Fish" of the Chalk Seas and the dagger-shaped stingray spines is impressive, so too is the realization of how many hundreds of millions of years these creatures have been on earth, largely unchanged.

For more than half a century, the people of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Museum, and the science of paleontology have benefited from the generosity of the Hungerford family. As owners of the Inversand Company Site in Gloucester County, the family has permitted the collection of thousands of fossils from their property.

These fossils, from the time of "The Great Extinction," have contributed immeasurably to our understanding of prehistory and have helped make the New Jersey State Museum a significant paleontological institution.

Established in 1895, the New Jersey State Museum is located at 205 West State Street in Trenton. Today, its mission encompasses four areas: archaeology and ethnology, cultural history, fine art, and natural history.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 292-6464 or visit www.state.nj.us/state/museum.

Adult Art Workshops Due at Sculpture Park

A four-session workshop on nature photography for adults will be hosted by Grounds For Sculpture on four consecutive Thursdays: July 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14.

To be taught by Sally Davidson from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the workshop is designed for beginner and intermediate level photographers.

The fee for the workshop is $65 for members of Grounds For Sculpture, and $75 for non-members. A 35 mm, SLR camera is required.

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CINEMA REVIEW — "Swimming Pool"

Another Atmospheric Thriller from Francois Ozon

A couple of summers ago, French director Francois Ozon gave us one of the best whodunits of the year in *Under the Sand* (*Sous le Sable*). That intriguing mystery starred Charlotte Rampling as a professor whose husband disappears without a trace while swimming at the shore in the south of France. The ostensibly widowed woman then suffers from delusions while trying to determine whether her hubby was murdered, has drowned, committed suicide, or simply abandoned his wife.

A haunting mood study, *Under the Sand* was nominated for several Caesars, the French equivalent of the Oscars, including Best Director, Best Actress and Best Picture. Then last year, Ozon's relatively light *8 Women* (*8 femmes*), a comic crime caper, landed a dozen more Caesar nominations, including one for emerging ingenue Ludivine Sagnier for Most Promising Actress.

SEEKING INSPIRATION: Charlotte Rampling leaves London for a summer home in France in the hope of ending her writer's block.

With *Swimming Pool*, his first English language feature, Ozon collaborates with both the 58-year-old Rampling, a confident and capable screen diva, and the sensuous Sagnier, a 24-year-old just coming into her own. Despite the age difference, the obviously enthralled director doesn't play favorites here, allowing each actress to ooze her own brand of sexuality in service of a plot rather reminiscent of *Under the Sand*.

Thus, Rampling appears again as a professional about to come undone mentally while on holiday in France. Her character, Sarah Morton, is a stuffy novelist who, at our point of departure, finds herself in a bit of a rut. An old maid who still lives at home with her father in London, Sarah seems to be currently devoting about as much time to alcohol as to overcoming her writer's block.

Her publisher, British John Bosload (Charles Dance) comes to her rescue, offering his best-selling author exclusive use of his summer home in the Luberon region of France as a change of venue that might kickstart her creativity. So, prim and proper Morton packs up her laptop and takes off for his sprawling country estate, a rustic escape which comes complete with caretaker and swimming pool. Her retreat into seclusion remains uneventful until the unexpected arrival of Julie (Sagnier), Bosload's French love child.

Julie is an irrepresible, irresponsible bohemian, a polar opposite of the stagnating Sarah. The spoiled brat moves in, and initially, the two irritate each other. Julie is an inconsiderate, pot-smoking sexaholic who flaunts her desirability by mating loudly, openly and indiscriminately with a different man every night. By day, she's not much better, as she lazily lounges around the pool topless, exuding an utter insatiability from every pore.

At first, Sarah's approach is to ignore the ongoing orgy in her midst. But ultimately, she capitulates to the steamy intrusion, and starts using Julie's life as a source of inspiration for her next murder mystery. For the wayward girl's world is peopled with the sort of oddballs who inhabit her own novels. A funny thing happens at this juncture as the uptight author turns jealous voyeur, for we start to suspect that she secretly appreciates the wanton woman's wild side. And when matters finally escalate out of control, Sarah finds herself no longer observing but embroiled in a real-life situation where she must choose between convention and criminality.

This is about as far in to the story as I consider it fair to take you. Suffice to say that Ozon does a magnificent job in setting a deliberate pace for events to unfold. Further, he is even better at how he has his oil-and-water heroines play off each other perfectly. However, because the film's resolution rests on a sneaky, Sixth Sense-style device which renders most of the previous twists and turns into insignificant red herrings, I felt cheated.

What for the first hour had been a thoroughly absorbing melodrama, dissolves during the denouement into a decidedly unsatisfying headscratcher. In this regard, *Swimming Pool* is evocative of David Lynch's *Mulholland Drive* (2001), which also took an inexplicable leap in a bizarre direction towards the end. So, I walked angrily up the aisle, wanting to see an appropriate solution for the scenario that Ozon and company had gone to such great pains to establish during a most promising opening act.

Good (★★). Rated R for profanity, male and female frontal nudity, graphic sex, drug use and bloody violence. In French and English with subtitles.

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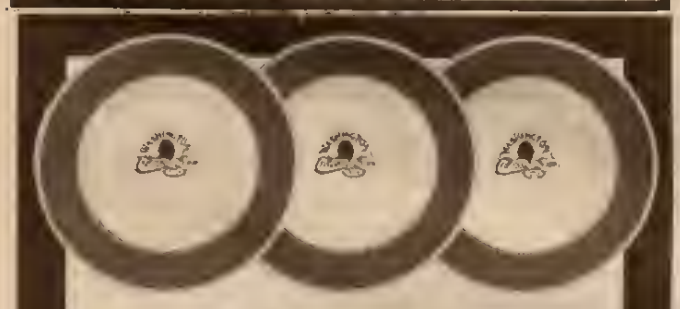

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Bend It Like Beckhom (PG-13 for expletives and sexuality). Cross-cultural comedy, set in London, about an 18 year-old Sikh girl who defies her family's orthodox East Indian traditions by running away from home to pursue her dream of becoming a professional soccer player. In English, with some Hindi and Punjabi.

Finding Nemo (G). Animated Disney undersea adventure about a frightened fish who must overcome his timidity and embark on an epic journey to rescue his stolen son. With celeb voicework supplied by Ellen DeGeneres, Allison Janney, Albert Brooks, Willem Dafoe and Geoffrey Rush.

How to Deol (PG-13 for expletives, sex content, adult themes and drug material). Pop singer Mandy Moore stars in this melodrama, based on a couple of romance novels by Sarah Dessen. Familiar theme features awkward teen, fed-up with the idea of love after her parent's divorce, finally being courted by sensitive Mr. Right.

The Hulk (PG-13 for sci-fi violence, disturbing images and brief nudity). Adaptation of the Marvel Comics strip about a mild-mannered geneticist who, after a lab accident, morphs into a green alter ego with "incredible" strength any time he gets angry. Eric Bana stars in the title role opposite Jennifer Connelly. With Nick Nolte and Sam Elliott among cast and cameos by original TV Hulk, Lou Ferrigno, and the character's creator, cartoonist Stan Lee.

Johnny English (PG for comic nudity, crude humor and mild epithets). Rubber-faced Rowan "Mr. Bean" Atkinson takes a late turn at a James Bond spoof, even though Austin Powers has already franchised the concept.

The League of Extroordinary Gentleman (PG-13 for sexual innuendo, expletives and fantasy violence). As adapted from the comic book set in Victorian England, story has Sean Connery leading an uncanny cast of familiar fictional characters, including Dorian Gray, the Invisible Man, Dr. Jekyll, Tom Sawyer, and Captain Nemo, in a valiant defense of the planet against a madman bent on world domination.

Legolly Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde (PG-13 for sex-related humor). Reese Witherspoon returns as Harvard-trained bimbo for sequel set in D.C., as pretty in pink attorney and advocate for animal rights. Also reprising their roles are Luke Wilson, Jennifer Coolidge, Jessica Cauffiel, Alana Ubach and Tane McClure. Added to the cast are Sally Field, Bob Newhart and Regina King.

The Man Without o Past (PG-13 for some violence). Romantic comedy about a visitor to Helsinki who develops amnesia due to a severe beating during a mugging there. Love then blossoms with the Salvation Army worker who helps nurse him back to health. In Finnish with subtitles.

Nowhere in Africo (Unrated). Academy Award-winning Best Foreign Film, an adaptation of true, World War II best-seller about the challenges faced by a Jewish family that fled from Hitler and ended up in Kenya. In German and Swahili with subtitles.

Pirotes of the Caribbeon: The Curse of the Block Pearl (PG-13 for action/adventure violence). Disney kiddie fright flick based on its amusement park ride of the same name. Seventeenth century adventure stars Johnny Depp as a dapper outlaw who teams up with the young daughter of a governor to thwart the plan by a band of zombie buccaneers to undo the curse that has left them lingering in the limbo of the undead.

Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (PG for action adventure, mild epithets and some sensuality). Animated adaptation of one of the 1001 Arabian Nights tales, this about the misadventures of a sailor who encounters an assortment of monsters while on a quest to clear his name. Featuring the voice of Brad Pitt in the title role with that of Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michelle Pfeiffer and Dennis Haysbert in the supporting cast.

Swimming Pool (R for nudity, profanity, violence and heavy sex content). Erotic thriller with Charlotte Rampling as a British novelist with writer's block who escapes to her publisher's sumptuous summer home in France to find some inspiration for her next murder mystery. She finds more than she bargained for when his reckless daughter arrives.

Terminotor 3 (R for sci-fi and action violence, profanity and nudity). Arnold is back, a decade later, and now up against T-X, a sexy, sophisticated, state-of the-art cyborg played by Kristanna Loken. Schwarzenegger and veterinarian Claire Danes have only three hours to save the world in an epic battle with androids pitting human versus artificial intelligence.

Together (Unrated). Chinese coming-of-age tale about a 13 year-old prodigy who moves with his father from the country to Beijing to attend a prestigious academy only to be distracted from the violin by a pretty young woman who likes to hang out at nightclubs. In Mandarin with subtitles.

Whale Rider (PG-13 for profanity and a drug reference). Maori fable, set in New Zealand, based on the Witi Ihimaera novel of the same name about a 12 year-old orphan who wants to be the first female chief of a patrilineal tribe. Spunky, women's libber proves her worth by harnessing a humpback for a heck of a Nantucket sleigh ride.

Winged Migrotion (G). Ornithology-oriented, Oscar-nominated documentary, made by five teams of filmmakers, traces the flight habits of birds in 40 countries over all seven continents for a period of three years. In French with subtitles.

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Princeton Post 218 Ends Season on High Note As it Thumps Hopewell, Continues Progress

The Princeton Post 218 American Legion baseball team had every reason to go through the motions as it concluded its season last Thursday night against Hopewell Post 339.

Post 218 brought a 7-14 record into the contest against moribund Hopewell (4-17), with both clubs having been long eliminated from contention for spots in the upcoming Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) playoffs.

Princeton, however, went out with a bang, playing with purpose and passion as it jumped out to a 7-0 lead on the way to a 9-3 romp.

"I thanked them for hanging in there because we've been through some ups and downs... They weathered the storm figuratively and literally and stayed out there. It's a long season, there are a lot of games in a short period of time."

The win meant that Post 218 made incremental progress on paper, improving one win on last season's total. But in the view of manager Tom Parker, the team's season-ending performance showed that the record couldn't fully measure the team's improvement.

"It's always good to end with a win," said the affable Parker. "Ten of the guys that were here tonight will be the core to build on for next year. It's a good group."

The individual offensive standouts in the season finale included catcher Joe Aprigliano with a 4-for-4 performance together with Alex Sugiura and James Faraci, who each chipped in two hits. Doug Austin added two runs and two RBIs while Matt Manley scored two runs.

Pitcher Will King ended the campaign with one of his best mound efforts as he went the distance, giving up only five hits and striking out five.

"Will had a very good outing," asserted Parker as he assessed the win over Hopewell. "He's had good outings each time, he's a gamer. You've got to have that attitude and a positive cockiness. He never shies away when you give him the ball."

After the game, Parker had words of encouragement for his young squad. "I thanked them for hanging in there because we've been through some ups and downs," added Parker, who has been coaching Post 218 for 14 years.

"They weathered the storm figuratively and literally and stayed out there. It's a long season, there are a lot of games in a short period of time. You're talking about giving up your summer. I appreciate the fact that these guys dedicated themselves. They learned things that young ballplayers have to go through, that you have to trust the situation and the knowledge you are obtaining."

In Parker's view, several of his young players benefitted greatly from the lessons they learned. "Wellington Talkpa is a big kid and he's only 17, he's already a tremendous ballplayer," maintained Parker.

"Will King, Jake Horan, Alex Sugiura all developed as pitchers. We're going to have our whole staff back. The experience that Jake got as a 15-year-old, you can't measure that. Doug Austin came back from an injury and never stopped hitting. We thought of Zach Stern mostly as a pitcher but he did a good job at first base and got hot at the plate. There have been a lot of contributors, it's been a team effort."

As a result, Parker is upbeat as he looks ahead. "There really is a lot to build on," he added. "We're going to be bigger and stronger. As coaches we try to bring enthusiasm and passion to this and the players responded."

Parker, in fact, wishes he didn't have to wait until next year to see the fruits of the team's progress. "I wish there were more games to play," he said with a laugh. "I think we gelled over our last six games. Regardless of the record, the guys have meshed as a team and have played well." **—Bill Alden**

FORWARD LOOKING: Princeton Post 218 American Legion manager Tom Parker looks on from the dugout last Thursday as his squad topped Hopewell Post 339 in the season finale. Parker sees a bright future ahead for his young squad which went 8-14, slightly improving on 2002's 7-15 mark. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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Manley's Laid-Back Approach Yielded Productive Final Campaign for Post 218

Until this year, the advent of spring had always meant baseball for Matt Manley.

After putting together a solid career as an infielder for Princeton High and the Princeton Post 218 American Legion team, Manley went on to Rutgers University last fall. As he adjusted to college life, Manley decided against trying to walk-on to the Scarlet Knights' baseball team.

As the spring started to turn to summer, Manley realized there was a void in his life without baseball and he decided to play one last campaign for Post 218.

Manley's decision to give Legion ball one more go-around paid major dividends for Post 218 as he hit at a .340 clip and tied for the Mercer County American Legion League lead in RBIs with 30.

Utilizing a more low-key approach to the sport, Manley simply appreciated being on the field this summer. "I was sitting in my dorm room this spring and I realized that I just wanted to play ball this summer," said Manley in a recent interview as he assessed Post 218's 8-14 season.

HOT CORNER: Princeton Post 218 third baseman Matt Manley surveys his options after fielding the ball last Thursday in Post 218's 9-3 win over Hopewell Post 339. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

"I decided to just let things happen and not get in people's way. I just did what I needed to do. Last year I was a little too serious, this year I was more laid back."

In the view of Post 218 head coach Tom Parker, Manley's mature attitude resonated with his younger teammates. "Matt has been a quiet leader for us," said Parker. "You have some guys who are rah-rah but Matt leads by example. Matt just comes to play every game. If he kicks a ball, he wants the ball hit to him the next play."

Parker was pleasantly surprised by how quickly Manley found his hitting groove.

"It was pretty impressive, after our first scrimmage he pretty much had his timing down," recalled Parker. "I wish I had nine guys on the field like Matt, he has an iron will."

Manley, for his part, acknowledged that he struggled a bit at first. "I started out slow but when I was picked for the all-star team I realized others must think I'm doing something right," added Manley. "I kind of relaxed and things fell into place after that."

Although things didn't exactly fall into place for Post 218, Manley believes the program made progress. "I told myself that 10 wins would be a step in the right direction," explained Manley, who customarily played third base.

"We won seven of the eight games we played against the teams below us but only one against the teams above us. Towards the end of the season, I thought we had more of a competitive attitude. We're getting there."

As Manley reflected on his Legion and high school baseball days during which he endured a lot of losses, he maintained that the positives outweighed the negatives.

"I love the game," said Manley, whose involvement in athletics has included sports-writing for the PHS newspaper and the Town Topics. "It's not about the result, it's how you get to the result. There have been a lot of good moments in that process so you can't regret things."

Manley, who made a lot of good moments possible for his teams, doesn't regret coming back for one more campaign.

—Bill Alden

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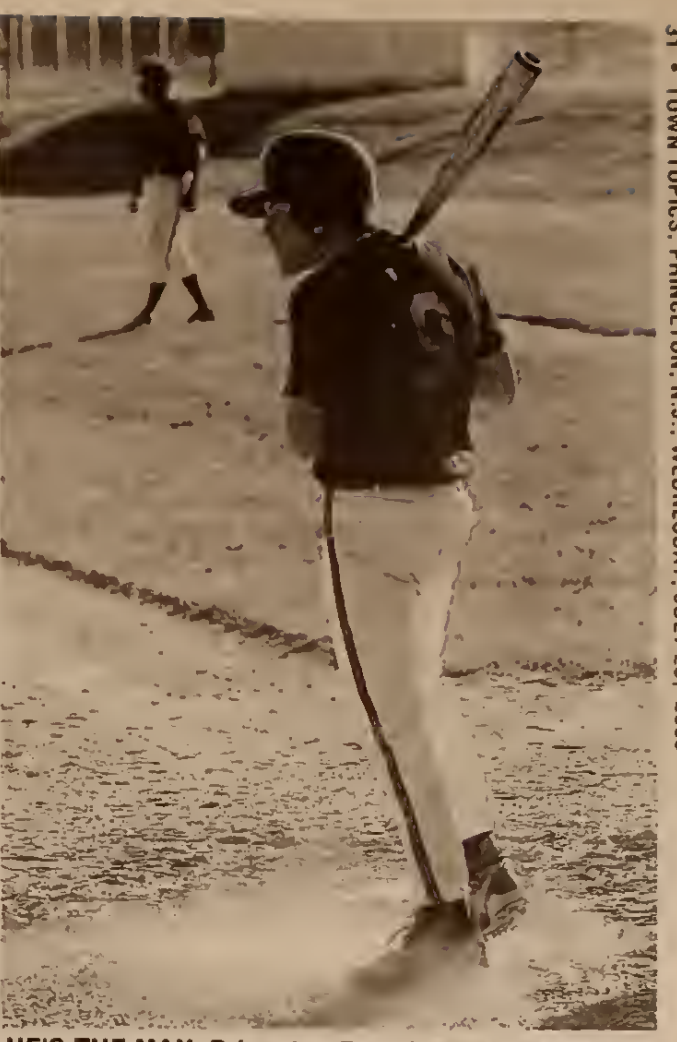

HE'S THE MAN: Princeton Post 218 star Matt Manley checks for the sign from his third base coach as he entered the batting box last Thursday in Princeton's 9-3 win over Hopewell Post 339 in the season finale. Manley ended up tied for first in RBIs in the Mercer County American Legion League as he knocked in 30 for the 8-14 Post 218 squad. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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CPLL-Princeton 10s Softball Ends 1-3 But Makes Some Major Strides Forward

IN THE NICK OF TIME: Cranbury/Plainsboro-Princeton's Louise Eisenach beats the tag at third as the CPLL-Princeton 10-year-old all-star squad fell 15-14 to Florence last Thursday in the final game of Pool B play in the District 12. CPLL-Princeton went 1-3 as it failed to advance out of pool play. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

As he looked ahead to the District 12 softball toumament, Peter Hekl was taking a long-range approach with his Cranbury/Plainsboro-Princeton 10-year-oid all-star squad.

The manager knew that his club was unlikeiy to win a title but he feit the players were ready to help build a foundation for success in the future.

"Our whole program is in its infancy," said Hekl. "Our girls have never won more than one game in pool play, we're trying to get there. We have some competitive girls out there, we just need to take the next step."

The CPLL-Princeton team had a tough start in Pool B play on Juiy 12 as it ran into a pitching buzzsaw in Florence's Chelsea Dimon, who hurled a perfect game in an 11-0 win.

Hekl, however, felt that game didn't accurately reflect his team's ability. "That pitcher was just a special pitcher, we can't compare that game to anything," explained Hekl.

His squad demonstrated that a day later when it beat Lawrence 16-13. Carly O'Brien led the CPLL-Princeton attack as she had four hits and three RBIs while Brienna Mancuso chipped in three hits and a homer. Morgan Lewis got the win on the mound, striking out 12 in pitching a complete game.

"I was real proud of the girls in that one," recalled Hekl. "Running into the Florence pitcher was a real downer, the whole team took it to heart. It was good to come back and beat Lawrence. They put the effort out there."

That effort was reflected in the team's last two games of pool play. On July 15, CPLL-Princeton fell 15-5 to Bordentown but showed spunk as it put together a 3-run rally in the last inning.

Then last Thursday, the squad showed how far it had come as it battled back from an 8-1 deficit against pool winner Florence only to lose a 15-14 heartbreaker. Lewis struck out 10 in the loss and also helped CPLL-Princeton's offense as she had two hits and drove in a run.

While the team may have gone 1-3, Hekl believes several of his players showed that they could compete with the best in the region.

"Carly O'Brien was one of our top girls," said Hekl. "She plays on a couple of travel squads and she's solid all the time. I like what she does out there. She's on all the time and that's what we need. Melissa Hekl and Arienna Joyce are also leaders for us out there."

Hekl believes the progress the team made this summer will pay off in the long run. "We're taking a step forward with these girls," he asserted. "We have real high hopes that next year will be our year to start showing something."

—Bill Alden

10-K EFFORT: CPLL-Princeton pitcher Morgan Lewis gives it her all as she fires a delivery in the team's 15-14 loss to Florence last Thursday in District 12 Pool B play. Lewis struck out 10 in the loss as she went the distance. She picked up the only win for the CPLL-Princeton 10-year-old all-stars in pool play as she fanned 12 in a 16-13 win over Lawrence on July 13. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Princeton Little League 11s Take HTRBA Championship

GREAT SCOTT: Princeton 11-year-old all-star Jon Scott scores the winning run in Princeton's 2-1 win over HTRBA last Saturday in the HTRBA tourney. Scott was named the tournament MVP after Princeton beat HTRBA 5-3 on Monday to win the title. The win marked the first District 12 competition ever won by a team from the Princeton Little League program. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

For most of the summer, the Princeton Little League 11-year-old all-star team had pretty much slid under the radar in local baseball circles.

With NJ District 12 regional tournament putting the limelight on the 10- and 12-year-olds in early July, the Princeton 11s have quietly been putting together a special season.

Two weekends ago, the squad beat top-seeded Montgomery 6-4 in the championship game of the Amwell 11s tourney.

Last week, the team headed to the competitive HTRBA 11-year-old tournament in baseball hotbed Hamilton looking to show that it belonged among Mercer County's elite.

Utilizing a combination of solid pitching and clutch hitting, the Princeton 11s made history as they toppled host HTRBA 5-3 last Monday evening to take the crown. The win marked the first District 12 competition ever won by a Princeton Little League team.

"This was an all around great effort by the team today," said Princeton 11s coach Scott Sipprelle. "We got clutch hitting, clutch fielding, and clutch pitching. We had three different pitchers win during the tournament and had so many big hits from so many different players. This was a milestone win for these kids."

In the championship game, Jordan Metro pitched five innings to earn the win, while Zack Klinebart and Will Mooney each had run scoring hits with Klinebart driving in two. Jon Scott was named the Tournament MVP and aided the Princeton cause by recording the final three outs in the top of the sixth inning to earn the save.

The Princeton 11s' triumph over HTRBA was its second dramatic win over the tournament hosts in three days. They advanced to the finals by edging HTRBA in a thrilling 2-1 game last Saturday that featured some great defense in addition to the recipe of pitching and timely hitting.

Starting pitcher Dan Powell led the way by pitching six one-run innings, striking out five, and also going 2-for-3 at the plate with a run scored. "Danny showed a lot of courage and character out there," added Sipprelle. "He didn't have his best stuff, but he made great pitches when he had to."

Powell's determination was most evident in the fourth inning when HTRBA loaded the bases with one out. He then got the next two batters on a pop-out and a strike out.

While Powell's performance was the highlight of the game for Princeton, it certainly wasn't the whole story. The team got two hits apiece from Scott and Metro and also received an outstanding performance at second base from Steve Etherton, who took several would-be hits away from the opposing hitters.

"Steve (Etherton) was our MVP today," claimed Sipprelle. "He made six very nice plays in the field and a few of those plays saved us some runs. These were two very good infields today."

HTRBA displayed their sharp fielding by turning four double plays in the game. Although the Princeton offense was able to start several innings with base runners, the opposition was able to minimize the damage with their sure-handed fielding.

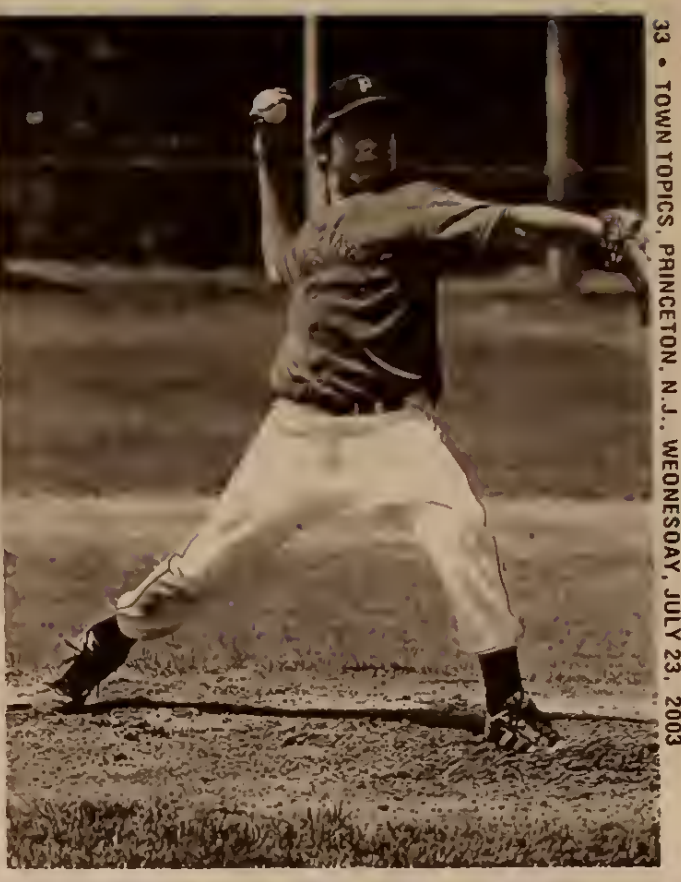
With both teams struggling to score runs, the game reached the sixth inning tied at one. After Powell worked out of the top of the sixth, Princeton's bats woke up in the bottom half of the frame.

After singles by Scott and Powell, and an error by the second baseman, Princeton had the bases loaded with nobody out and a chance to win the game. Ho-Sung Kang then lifted a long fly ball to left field that plated the game-winning run as Scott scored on a sacrifice fly.

"The team showed a lot of character today," explained Sipprelle. "It's been a very long season. The boys are tired, but they've worked hard and continue to get better."

On Monday, they raised their game and proved how well they could play when they were in the limelight.

—Matt Manley



DANNY BOY: Princeton Little League 11-year-old all-star pitcher Danny Powell fires a pitch in Princeton's 2-1 win over HTRBA last Saturday in the HTRBA tournament. Powell struck out five in going the distance for the win. Princeton went on the beat HTRBA 5-3 on Monday night to win the title. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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The New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox have one of the most famous rivalries in all of sport. Yet oddly, three different sets of brothers have played against each other for those teams. Currently, Jason Giambi plays for the Yankees while brother Jeremy is a member of the Red Sox. And most baseball fans think immediately of the great Yankee Joe DiMaggio and his brother Dom of Boston, who faced each other dozens of times in the 1940s and early 1950s. But who was the third set? The answer is the Dickey brothers. Hall of Fame catcher Bill spent 17 years with the Yankees, and during two of those seasons - 1935 and 1936 - brother George played catcher for the Red Sox.

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Speaking of the DiMaggio brothers, every baseball fan knows that Joe holds what many consider to be an impossible record to break, hitting safety in 56 consecutive games in 1941. But did you know that brother Dom holds the Boston record for base hits in consecutive games? In 1949, Dom put together a 34-game hitting streak, which still ranks among the top 20 streaks of all time.

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Here's another Yankees - Red Sox oddity to add to the lore and legend of this fabled rivalry. Only 11 times in major league history has a player hit two grand slam home runs in a single game. But when the New York and Boston teams square off this season, three of those players will be there - Yankee third baseman Robin Ventura, Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, and Boston pitching coach Tony Cloninger.

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Tiger Freshman Crew's Henley Title Gave Coach Hughes a Career Highlight

Greg Hughes has seen a lot in his decade or so at the highest levels of crew.

As an undergraduate at Princeton in the 1990s, Hughes helped lead the Tiger men's lightweight crew to national titles in 1994 and 1996. After graduating from college, he was an alternate on the 1997 and 1998 U.S. lightweight sweeps teams at the World Championships.

Hughes turned to coaching and returned to his alma mater where he led the Princeton freshman heavyweight crew to the Eastern sprints title in 1998. He assisted Tiger lightweight head coach Joe Murtaugh in coaching the U.S. lightweight boat that won the bronze in the 2001 World Championships.

Despite his varied experience in the sport, Hughes had never witnessed anything like what he saw on July 6 just west of London on the Thames River when his Tiger freshman heavyweight boat lined up to face Princeton's varsity lightweight crew in the finals of the Henley Regatta's Temple Challenge Cup.

"To pull around the river and see those two teams both wearing the orange and black and to hear the starter have to stand up and say Princeton 'A' against Princeton 'B' in the final of a Henley event, that was something really special and very, very rare," said Hughes as he recently reflected on the competition.

"That was probably the proudest moment of my career to see those boats. Those crews really exemplify the quality of our program and the intensity of our athletes' ability to race."

Hughes' boat, Princeton 'A', proved that it had the most intensity and quality as it went on to win the race by 2¼ lengths, giving the Tigers their first Henley title since 1973. The win capped a dominant campaign for the freshman crew which went undefeated and won the Eastern Sprints title and the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) national title race along the way.

Hughes, however, acknowledged that his crew had to save its best for last in order to beat out its boathouse mates. "During the season we always did a lot of work against the lightweight boat, we traditionally do a speed order against them every Wednesday," explained Hughes, who was a two-time All-Ivy League rower and won the Gordon G. Sikes Award for the greatest contribution to Princeton lightweight crew in his senior year.

"It had been competitive among the boats all along, that's what made it so great. We knew we would have to have our best piece to beat them. We rowed a very solid race and rowed it to plan."

The freshman boat showed a rare focus on and off the water as it advanced through its dual races in the 32-boat, single elimination competition.

"They did a good job of getting used to the various points of the course and how they needed to race each part of the course," explained Hughes, who cited the team's win over a tough crew from Imperial College of London in the quarterfinals as a major confidence builder on the way to the championship.

"They were very mature about how they approached their preparation, training, and competition. They handled themselves well off the water which is critical. Even with their families there and a million things in front of them that looked like fun, when we'd put the boat away, they'd jump in the van and hang out in the house. We watched a lot of movies."

The team's special focus gave Hughes a coaching experience unlike any he has had to this point of his career. "There are so many outstanding races you get to go to as a college rower but for some reason Henley is always special," said Hughes with a smile.

"There is a lot of passion involved and people, for whatever reason, are much more aware of Henley, it's sort of your 15 minutes of fame. It's a great way to finish an exceptional season. They were one of the greatest freshman crews ever in the history of Princeton in terms of the record and the way they won their races. The effort was always there and I just had to direct it as a coach."

While Hughes won't have the chance to ever coach this bunch again, he knows that they will continue to make him proud. "They are a special crew, the exciting thing is that these guys have another three years," added Hughes. "I think they will make a major impact on the whole boathouse not just the heavyweight program."

—Bill Alden

Grant Sparking George's Roasters As Rec League Playoffs Approach

After George's Roasters suffered a two-game losing streak earlier this summer to fall to 2-2 in Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League, the squad appeared to be headed for the middle of the pack.

But with sharpshooting guard Derick Grant heating up on the perimeter, George's, which includes several key players from The College of New Jersey men's basketball squad, has caught fire.

Last Monday, it beat S&S Systems 51-43 to improve to 6-2 and solidify its position in the upper echelon of the league with the playoffs slated to start on July 28.

After Monday's action, Cluck U Chicken and The Cafe were tied for first with 7-1 records with Rusty Scupper at 6-1 and SMB at 5-2.

Grant, who averaged 14.6 points a game last winter as a sophomore for TCNJ, believes George's is peaking at the right time.

"We played well tonight, we're getting ready for the playoffs," said Grant, who had 11 points in the win over S&S. "We want to go a long way in the playoffs and we're working on things like defense and rebounding."

The 6'1, 180-pound guard acknowledged that the team's brief slump had helped it renew its focus.

"When we lost those two games people started to think we weren't as good as we thought," acknowledged Grant, a product of Montgomery High who scored 1,178 points in his career for the Cougars.

"Consistency has gotten us back on the right track. Everybody is doing what they are supposed to do and what they do best."

As for Grant, doing what he does best means shooting the ball. He is second in the league in scoring at 17.6 points a game and has fired in the most three-pointers with 22.

"I've worked hard in the off-season and it's going to show a little more because I have the time to work on my game," explained Grant. "I've been doing shooting and ballhandling drills and working on my weightlifting and conditioning."

The TCNJ contingent on George's, which includes Bobby Davison, Kyle Burke, Bobby Henning, Alex Mahoney, and Matt Diamond, is thriving as it gets the chance to play together this summer.

Against S&S, former PHS star Davison led George's with 15 points while Henning added 9 and Mahoney had several dazzling assists.

"This is the first time we've gotten the chance to play together like this," said Grant, who played for rival Backes & Hill last summer. "We need to get used to playing with each other if we want to go far in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and the NCAA [Division 3] tourney."

The bond the team is developing could make it a real threat in the weeks ahead as well as over the winter.

—Bill Alden

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Tiger Football Loses Third Defensive Star

Brandon Mueller, a starting safety for the Princeton University football team, has been ruled academically ineligible and is not currently enrolled at school, the University said last week.

Mueller, a 2002 second-team All-Ivy selection as a junior, had 56 tackles last season and was second on the team with four interceptions. He had 176 tackles over his three years and 18 passes defensed.

Mueller, who is eligible to return to Princeton as a senior in the fall of 2004, is the third Tiger defensive standout to be ruled academically ineligible in the last four months.

In March, the program announced that star linebacker Zak Keasey, a 2002 first-team All-Ivy selection as a junior and the team's leading tackler last season, will not play during the 2003 campaign due to academic problems.

In June, cornerback Jay McCareins, a 2002 second-team All-Ivy selection at cornerback as a sophomore who led Princeton with five interceptions and 13 passes defensed last season, was declared academically ineligible.

Keasey is eligible to return to the team in the future while McCareins intends to return to school for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Free Wheelers Club Has Bike Event August 2

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Those interested in participating can pre-register at a charge of $17 for forms postmarked before July 18 or for $15 if a member of the USATF. The fee for registration after that is $20. On-line registration is available at www.active.com. For more information on the race, call Carol Curtis at 800-477-4471 or e-mail her at ccurtis@pclient.ml.com.

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TO LOVE AND BE LOVED? YES. Who you become is delined by the choices you make. Each interaction with each person on each day ol your lite is an opportunity tor you to grow or shrink, to love or hate. You can be kind or cruel, helplul or manipulative, cooperative or controlling.

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Those qualities are internal. They are part ot you, detining who you are, your very soul. Both this lite and the next will be enriched or impoverished by the depth ol those qualities, rewarding you with the closeness ot triends or punishing you with the loneliness of a seltish heart. The judgment ot God will be to simply accept your own tree-will judgment, made over a lifetime to be experienced tor eternity.

CONCLUSION: So, you were born to become fully human, tully mature, fully happy. Who you are inside will go with you trom this lite to the next. What you have on the outside, whether possessions, power, or acctaim, will not. Do not despair tor not having enough ot the tatter, but for your sake, seize every day you have left to edd to the tormer, to add to who you are meant to become, a work ot art.

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OBITUARIES

Earl K. Snedeker

Earl K. Snedeker, 93, of East Windsor, died July 9 at Meadow Lakes Health Care Center.

Born in Franklin Township, he was a resident of Lawrenceville from 1938 to 2000 before moving to Meadow Lakes.

He retired in 1980 from H.A. Snedeker's Sons, Inc., a business he co-founded with his brother.

A Mason, he was a member of the Princeton Lodge No. 38 F&AM, the Scottish Rite Valley of Trenton, and the Crescent Temple A.A.O.M.N.S. of Trenton. He was also a former trustee of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church.

He was predeceased by his wife, Eugenia; two brothers, Clifton and Howard; and a sister, Myrtle Davis. He is survived by a son, Kenneth of Princeton; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was July 11 at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was in Kingston Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lawrenceville School, Snedeker Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 6125, Lawrenceville 08648.

Helma Bush

Helma Bush, 93, of Bradenton, Fla., died in Bradenton July 11. She had been a longtime resident of Princeton and Deer Isle, Maine.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she was, for 37 years, the director and co-owner of of Les Chalets Francais, a girls' summer camp in Deer Isle.

Predeceased by her husband, George, she is survived by two daughters, Derry Jeffers of Onanacock, Va., and Penny Graeser of Trenton; a son, Chris, of Bradenton; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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"Going Public: Latino/a Theology As Public Discourse" will be the topic of a free public lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary on Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Benjamin Valentin, assistant professor of systematic and constructive theology at Andover Newton Theological School.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Valentin will receive the annual book prize for 2003 from the Seminary's Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI). The prize, which is being awarded for Dr. Valentin's book *Mapping Public Theology*, will be presented at HTI's annual summer workshop.

Respondents to Dr. Valentin's evening lecture will be Dr. Catherine Keller, professor of constructive theology at Drew University, and Luis Rivera-Pagán, professor of ecumenics and mission at Princeton Seminary.

Latino/a scholars from across the country and Puerto Rico will gather for the annual workshop. The Hispanic Theological Initiative was founded in 1996 to help train religious leaders — teachers, pastors, and scholars — for the growing Latino/a religious community in the United States. It is funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and housed in Princeton.

Dr. Valentin, a native of Puerto Rico, is interested in liberation theology, and in the relation of theology to American public life. He has degrees from the College of New Rochelle (B.A.), Harvard University Divinity School (M.T.S.), and Drew University (Ph.D.).

The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Mackay Campus Center. For more information, call the Hispanic Theological Initiative at (800) 575-5522.

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REAL ESTATE Notes

Three sales associates with RE/MAX Greater Princeton have been recognized for their recent sales achievements.

Steve Janosik, who specializes in residential real estate in Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer counties, has been rankod among the top RE/MAX producers in New Jersey He is ranked 18th in real estate commissions earned for the first quarter of this year and 32nd in units sold. He also earned the Silver Level Circle of Excellence Award for the sixth consecutive year in 2002 from the New Jersoy Association of Realtors.

Steve Janosik

Linda November, Realtor Associate-owner of RE/MAX Greater Princelon, also earned the Silver Lovel Circle of Excellence Award for 2002. She specializes in relocation, listing and selling real estate in Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset, Burlington and Monmouth counlios.

L. November

Lisa Brody

The Bronze Lovol Circle of Excellence Award was earned by **Lisa Brody**, for the 14th consecutive year.

Donna Murray and **Mary Reiling** from the Burgdorff ERA Princeton offlce. earned the Burgdorff President's Elite designation, based on the associates' salos production for the year 2002. Tho award is given for sales associates who produce moro than $9 million in sales dollar volume.

Judy Brickman was the highest unit producer for the first six months of 2002 at the Princeton office of Weidel Realtors.

A sales associates since 1984, Ms. Brickman is a member of the Top Producer's Association of Mercer County and the Mercer County Board of Realtors

She is a graduate of Rider College and received a master's degree from Columbia University She works in Mercer, Somerset and Middlesex Counties in New Jersey, and in Bucks County in Pennsylvania

Ray Wolkind has been named broker manager of RE/MAX of Princeton. Mr Wolkind has been licensed for 18 years and joined RE/MAX in 1987. A supporter of charities including the Children's Miracle Network and Cancer Care and Heart Walks, Mr. Wolkind has resided in Plainsboro since 1979 and has lwo grandchildren.

Ray Wolkind

Ruth Sayer of Gloria Nilson Realtors, a GMAC company, has earned membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence, formerly known as the Million Dollar Sales Club, for the ninth consecutive year. She has qualified for the bronze level with a minimum of 15 transactions and sales volume of more than $6 million.

Ruth Sayer

Ms Sayer has lived in the Princeton area since 1970, and prior to her real estate career, she was a teacher and director of St Matthew's Little Leisure preschool.

Iva B. Barros has joined Weidel Realtors' Princeton office as a sales associate. Licensed as a real estate agent since 1987, Ms. Barros holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Sao Paufo, Brazil, and a master's degree in French from Rutgers University

Iva B. Barros

She is fluent In Portuguese, English, and French, and in addition to being a real estate agent, she has worked as co-director for the Princeton Language Group and as a teacher and translator. Ms. Barros is married and has four children and four grandchildren.

Dee Moon and **Lily Yu** have joined Keller Williams Real Estate on Canal Pointe Boulevard as new agenls. Prior to Keller Williams, Ms. Moon and Ms. Yu were agents lor Coldwell Banker in Princelon Junction.

Prudential New Jersey Properties has announced its inductees to the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) 2002 Circle of Excellence. Presented annually, the awards recognize listing and sales achievements.

Named to the Million Dollar Sales Club from the Princeton office were Roger David Barry and Kenneth Verbeyst, at the silver level; and Blanche Paul, Alice Van Cleef, and Ratna Agharkar at the bronze level.

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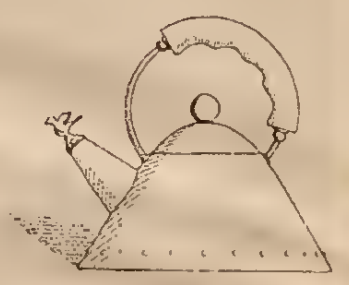

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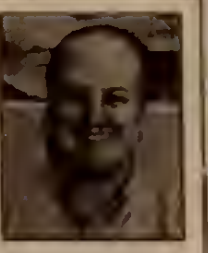

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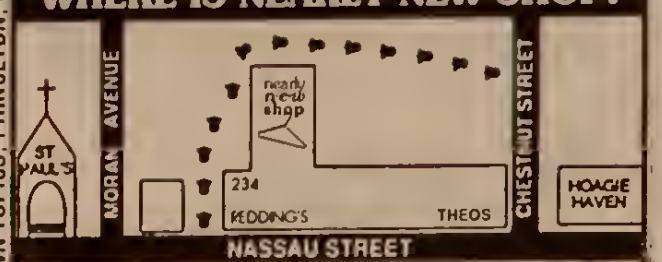

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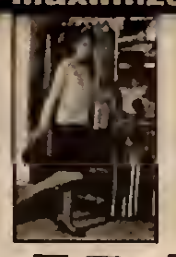

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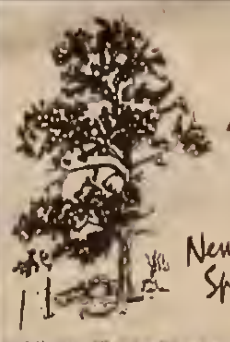

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